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A Royal Brew For Princess

Reading, Oct. 17.
The Reading Brewery today started a Royal brew of beer.
It will be bottled and presented to Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten before their marriage as a wedding gift.—United Press.

March On Government House Hinted

A march on Government House, if their latest petition fails, is contemplated by the Colony's water-cress farmers, the "China Mail" learned last night.

If it materialises, more than 2,000 men, women and children, whose livelihood has been adversely affected by Government's recent destruction of water-cress crops, will parade from the different water-cress plantations and personally take their grievances to the Colony's Chief Executive.

The water-cress growers have already submitted three petitions to the authorities for rescission of the order banning water-cress cultivation, wet and dry. The latest petition asks permission to resume cultivation using a method which would not conflict with the Health regulations.

CHINESE ELECTIONS MAY BE POSTPONED

Nanking, Oct. 17.
China's first national elections may be postponed for the second time because the minority party demands for priority representation with the Kuomintang in the National Assembly and Legislative Yuan, an official source said today.

The refusal of Democratic Socialists to submit candidate lists until the Kuomintang approves their so-called "3-1-1" plan is delaying ballot printing and other arrangements for the nation-wide voting less than five weeks away, says Associated Press.

Some Kuomintang leaders called the minority scheme by which one Democratic Socialist, one Young

CHINA PROTEST OVER BANNED GOODS

Hong Kong To Be Asked To Block Entry

Shanghai, Oct. 17.
Importers affected by the Government move on blocked unlicensed imports today planned to protest against the measure, pointing to the huge losses they would incur in selling blocked goods to the Government or re-exporting.
One merchant told the United Press that any delay in realising cash out of these goods would increase the burden since importers are losing millions in interests alone.

Meanwhile, Chang Kien-kuang, Governor of the Central Bank, today urged importers to sacrifice self-interest for the benefit of the nation.

He said the Government policy of buying up unlicensed imports blocked in Shanghai was decided after a careful consultation with economic experts and businessmen.

Chang said the flow of these blocked goods—estimated at US\$40,000,000 to 100,000,000—into Hongkong or Indo-China definitely will be banned and the goods will be either sold to the Government or returned to the original port of embarkation.

Chang said that Hongkong will be asked to ban the entry of these goods and pointed out that Hongkong has an overabundance of goods.
He discounted the seriousness of smuggling, since "legitimate importers will not stoop to this," he said.

Prices Tumble
Highly inflated prices began tumbling today as the city authorities threatened to take "extraordinary" measures against speculators and hoarders.

United States dollars, which were quoted on the blackmarket at around CN\$92,000 less than a week ago, were being offered today at CN\$82,000, but there were no buyers.

The price of gold (weighing 10 ounces) was reported around CN\$42,000,000—a drop of CN\$10,000,000 in less than five days.

General declines were also registered on the foreign and Chinese share markets which had been skyrocketing for the past two weeks.

Only the prices of commodities and foodstuffs remained at top levels, but observers here believed that they too would drop soon.
General Huang Tieh-wu, meanwhile, declared that he was determined to carry out a thorough search of warehouses and other places suspected of hoarding commodities and to release the confiscated goods to the public.

However, Government's approval of General Huang's "emergency measures" was still pending today.

Relaxation
However, the National Economic Council relaxed import control on Thursday by authorizing the Shanghai Transportation Operators Guild to import 500 trucks and by increasing the diesel oil import quota from US\$2,050,000 to US\$9,050,000 quarterly.

The Council also studied the current runaway commodity prices in Shanghai and admitted that one of the reasons for the inflationary spurt is due to the "failure to understand the military situation properly."

Council investigators sent to Shanghai to study market conditions also said that the sudden blackmarket exchange rate spurt was caused by merchants seeking to buy greenbacks to cover purchases abroad.

The Council Deputy Secretary General, Y. T. Ku, said the Government is framing a new set of economic measures to combat the current runaway market and seal loopholes of the Government's existing economic regulations.

He declined to reveal the nature of the measures but indicated that they are based on Council members' recommendations.

Attack By Arabs



At Lake Success the delegation of Egypt and Syria are making a last-ditch fight against a decision to partition Palestine.

Here is the man behind the Egyptian move... Kiaz Farouk of Egypt is saluting the Egyptian flag as it is hoisted in Cairo.

Arabs Hit At Palestine Partition

Lake Success, Oct. 17.
Arab nations, in a last-ditch fight against a possible United Nations decision to partition Palestine, today sought to throw the question into the International Court of Justice.

The delegations of Egypt and Syria, in resolutions submitted to the Palestine Committee, proposed that the United Nations defer decision on Palestine until the International Court has decided on whether the United Nations is competent to act on the matter.

The Egyptian resolution asked that the World Court be asked to give "advisory opinion" on two questions:

(1) Whether "it is within competence of the General Assembly" to recommend either partition or federalisation of Palestine.

(2) "Whether it lies within the rights of any member state or group of member states to implement any of the proposed solutions without the consent of the people of Palestine."

Meanwhile, Athens reports that British Naval authorities disclosed that they were keeping a close watch over the northern Aegean Sea, particularly the Dardanelles outlet—for the ships, Pan York and Pan Crescent, which were reported likely to be sailing shortly from the Rumanian Black Sea port of Constantza with several thousand illegal Jewish immigrants for Palestine.

Reports reaching here said that barred wire barriers, designed to keep off Naval boarding parties when the ships reached Palestinian waters, were being erected in the vessels.

Goldsmiths' Men Threaten Walk-Out
Hong Kong's goldsmith and silversmith workers, said to number 500 to 700, presented their employers with a 24-hour ultimatum at noon yesterday calling for unconditional acceptance of their demands for revised working terms and conditions, or they would walk out en masse.

The ultimatum climaxes several months of protracted negotiations between employers and employees. The talks came to a head a week ago when a ultimatum was actually delivered to the employers but, last-minute intervention by a third party called off the threatened walk-out.

Among the demands raised by the men are a 5 per cent. premium in pay for workers working late, and a share of the proceeds of "wear and tear" allowance which customers pay for making articles of jewelry or ornament and two months extra pay on dismissal.

It is understood that employers refused to make any concession on these points which the men considered to be the most important while other demands which the employers conceded were considered to be of second importance.

Soviet Troops Said To Enter Sinkiang

BITTER BATTLE BEING FOUGHT NEAR KAIYUAN

Nanking, Oct. 17.
Dr. Bourhan, State Councillor for Tsingtao, at a press conference yesterday evening, said that he had learned that two regiments of Russian troops, were poured into Ili, in the western tip of Sinkiang Province recently.

His information was not completely accurate, he said, but this might be a violation of China's Sovereignty and possibly the beginning of an international incident.

Though he lacked information from Sinkiang, Dr. Bourhan said: "It is unbelievable that such violation could have happened."

A spokesman of the Ministry of Defence in Nanking this morning said that the Ministry had no information about Soviet troops entering Sinkiang but added that it is understood large amounts of ammunition have been transported to Ili from Russia and that Russian military troops are being in training.

Dr. Bourhan said that press reports recently told of disputes between tribesmen in the Aushan area.

He said that Aushan was formerly controlled by Usman, leader of the Hazak tribe.

Last year Usman retreated to the mountains but on Sept. 18, it was reported that Usman was captured in this area.

U.S. Troops
Meanwhile, the State Council of the Chinese Government is meeting here today, after a report from the Foreign Office of the presence of American troops in China.

Under the terms of the United Nations Commission of December 17, 1946, all foreign troops not invited by other Governments must be withdrawn unless their presence was requested by that Government.

The presence of American troops here is accepted by the Chinese Government and the Foreign Office report said that there exists a mutual understanding between the two Governments.

At the same time, the Government despatched a report that three fighting was progressing around the Manchurian railway-city of Kaiyuan, 60 miles north of Mukden—the seat of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's North East Headquarters, while further north, the Communists are stated to have launched nuisance raids against the Government positions on the outskirts of Changchun.

Communist artillery was reported to have shelled Kaiyuan for over an hour yesterday.

At Changchun
About 1,000 Communist troops attacked a point 10 miles north of Changchun in an attempt to draw the Government forces from the centre of Changchun but were repulsed with "heavy losses," according to semi-official despatches.

Other Communist groups attempted to infiltrate into the Government stronghold north of Changchun but were also beaten back.

Three Communist tanks were destroyed in air attacks over Communist positions in Kirin Province.

Reports from Honan said that the Government forces in the Paoing area had the "situation in hand" after reinforcements had reached Paoing, which had been threatened by the Communists.

Burials Destitute
Their cattle dwindling, all their property destroyed by Communist rebels, who had swept down on their homes in northern Manchuria, 100 Burial Mongols, originally from the Balkan Lake areas, now find themselves destitute and homeless, according to the Reverend R. W. Stuart of the Christian Church, Maryland, in an interview today.

The Rev. Stuart, who lived for 40 years at Linhsien, Jehol Province, bordering Mongolia, was evacuated to New Zealand after the Chinese Government had left their homes around Lake Balkal to escape from the Soviet rule.

When their march began, there were larger numbers but many had died en route, across Siberia to Northern Manchuria.

No Cut In Hawkers' Fees

The Urban Council has replied to the joint petition sent in by three separate hawkers' associations asking for reduction in the newly-revised licence fees.
The main point in the Council's reply was that it could not recommend reduction.
The revised fees have yet to be passed by Legislative Council.

Typhoon Ravaged Swatow

Typhoon "Pauline" smashed three wharves and blew down almost 100 buildings, besides hundreds of improvised wooden, bamboo and grass-mat dwellings along the waterfront in Swatow, according to a telegram received by the Tung Wah Hospital from Swatow's Mayor.

Seventeen people were killed, five seriously injured, and more than 10,000 rendered homeless and destitute.

The Mayor estimated Swatow businessmen's losses at CN\$2,000,000,000.

Hurricane Lashes U.S. Coastline

Portland, Oct. 17.
A raging storm lashed the Oregon and Washington coastline today, crippling two vessels off the mouth of Columbia River and sending several Oregon rivers surging toward a flood stage.

The 10,112-ton Standard Oil tanker, Esso Heintzelman, was drenched nine miles off Tillamook, Oregon.

The Coast Guard reported that repairs were being made.
A fishing vessel in Florida fished a distress signal and a Coast Guard cutter took her into tow off the Columbia river. Nightship.—United Press.

Burma And Britain Sign Amity Pact

London, Oct. 17.
Prime Minister Attlee and Burma's Premier Thakin Nu today signed an Anglo-Burmese treaty as preliminary to passage of the Burma Independence Act during the forthcoming session of the British Parliament.

Mr. Attlee and six members of the British Cabinet, including the Burma Secretary (Lord Lugard), Foreign Secretary (Ernest Bevin), Economic Minister (Sir Stafford Cripps), Lord Chancellor (Lord Jowitt) and Minister for Air (Arthur Harris) sat at the long table flanked by nine Burmese Cabinet members with Thakin Nu on Mr. Attlee's right.

The Burmese representatives in their native garb with pink silk headdress and pale blue sarongs made a splash of colour in an otherwise dingy treaty room at No. 10 Downing Street.

Friendship
Movie cameras purred as Thakin Nu said: "I firmly declare that this treaty will be the foundation of Anglo-Burmese friendship."

Throughout the negotiations both sides have striven for something nobler than such points as might arise in connection with impending transfer of power.

Thakin Nu expressed Burma's admiration for Britain's "championship of human rights and leadership in intellectual and cultural matters."

He said he was confident Britain would overcome her economic difficulties and that Burma would give all possible help.

Mr. Attlee signed the treaty first, using an ordinary red

The Weather

Intense anticyclones are centred over N. China and the Kuriles. A trough extends in a NE. direction from Java. Associated with it are a typhoon 150 miles ESE and a tropical depression 600 miles SW of Iloilo.

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate NE or ESE wind, fresh or strong, with strong, NE winds offshore, continuing fine.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 73.5 deg. F. Minimum: 70.1 deg. F. Sunshine: 10.4 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 224.5 mm. (8.84 in.) as against an average of 2014 mm. (79.7 in.) for the year.

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CHINESE LIBERALS BACK FREE ENTERPRISE TO EFFECT RURAL REFORMS

Agrarian reforms made effective by the industrialisation of the country is part of the Chinese Liberals' programme, declared Mr. Percy Chen, Secretary-General of the China Society of International Law, in a statement last night.

This industrialisation, he added, must be on the basis of a system of free enterprise.

In the face of growing privatisation on the part of world powers, Mr. Chen said, it is essential for a clear statement of the Chinese Liberals' programme. The Chinese Liberals, carrying out their historic task, are representatives of the middle classes. Just as in countries like England and France, the middle classes led the middle classes against the remnants of feudalism in the struggle for constitutional government for the benefit of all the people, and fostered the growth of industrialisation to the accompaniment of agrarian reforms, so today in China the Liberals stand for Constitutional Government on liberal democratic principles.

"Our programme calls for agrarian reforms made effective by the industrialization of the country, and it is our belief that such industrialization

must be on the basis of a system of free enterprise. "Difference" Herein lies the difference in policy and outlook between the Liberals standing between the Kuomintang on the right and the Communists on the left. "Today the livelihood of each individual in China is being placed in jeopardy by the present civil war. At the same time the Kuomintang, by monopolistic controls operating in favour of certain of their members is preventing the middle classes, the merchants, bankers, professional men and women, industrialists, professors and intellectuals from carrying a living. By ruining the businesses of the middle classes the Kuomintang is driving the working classes into unemployment and poverty. Vast masses of the farmers and landless peasants are being thrown into the hands of the Communists through the corruption and the greed of the local officials. As a result of the

fratricidal civil war the Kuomintang and the Communists have deprived the Chinese people of the just fruits of their hard-won victory over the Japanese. "As this war continues the Kuomintang regime will see its currency reach its ultimate worthlessness of CN\$100,000 to US\$1.00 in the nearest future. Any economic empire which the Kuomintang believes in will be built up on this worthless currency which will be pieces of paper to the ruin of its foundation. In the financial world China is already considered a country of financial chaos. Nothing can remedy this unless there is peace within the country. "Enterprise" The needs of the Chinese people call for the establishment of peace within the country. "They call for the adoption of a constitution acceptable to the Liberals, and the moderates in the Kuomintang and the Communist Party. "Economically the people of China need most of all the restoration of the system of free enterprise and the removal of the crippling controls which are only an excuse for graft, corruption by officials, and monopoly on the part of the leading Kuomintang members and politicians. "All this is possible only if there is a coalition government representing the three main economic tendencies within the country, namely the Liberals representing the system of free enterprise, the Kuomintang representing the monopolistic capitalism of the Japanese Zaitatsu pattern, and the Communists representing the idea of socialist state monopoly. "Being mindful of their responsibilities before the Chinese people and the world the Liberals are launching a movement for bringing about a cessation of fighting. All right-minded persons in China and among the United Nations are being appealed to for cooperation and assistance in bringing the civil war to an end. "This third and last effort by the leading business men, intellectuals, and professional men and women in China to mobilise the educated 20% of the entire Chinese population for this sacred purpose must not end in failure. "For if it does there will be nothing left for the middle classes save to use their last instrument for imposing their will upon the self-appointed rulers of territories in China controlled by Kuomintang and Communist armed forces. "The Revolution of 1923 to 1926 showed the Chinese middle classes the strength of passive resistance. "It is a sharp edged weapon. It has served the people well in the past. It can be used again."



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Special Radio Relay Of Princess's Wedding

A special relay from the B.B.C. in London on Nov. 20—Princess Elizabeth's wedding day—was announced by the Secretary of Z.B.W. last night.

The programme, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., will be divided into two portions. The first, from 7 to 8 p.m., entitled "The Voice of London," will come from the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. Artists will include Gail Courtney, Anne Ziegler, Webster Booth, Stanley Holloway and Anna Neagle. The second part of the relay will be the wedding ceremony in Westminster Abbey. Scenes along the route of the Royal procession will be described, as well as the actual service.

Magistrate Attacks Chinese Press On Price Control

"The Chinese Press cannot possibly be relied upon in regard to information relative to price control regulations and their changes," declared Mr. F. X. d'Almada when the majority of the offenders against the price control regulations replied in answer to their summons that they depended entirely on the vernacular press reports regarding the variations in the control prices.

Mr. d'Almada further advised all shopkeepers that they should secure a copy of the Government gazette which will lead them on the right path. Mr. Pitman, of the Price Control Department, informed his Worship that, relative to changes in the price of commodities, merchants were always given about 10 days grace before any checks were made.

The following are the offenders dealt with by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday: Wong Chue of Double Wings Co.

New Eye Disease Is Killing Chamois

London, Oct. 16. A new eye disease, leading to blindness, has caused the death of about 30 chamois—small mountain antelopes—in the Bernese Oberland southwest Switzerland, the Swiss Radio reported today. The blind animals starve to death, or fall from the precarious mountain rocks, the Radio added.—Reuter.

60 Des Voeux Road Central was fined \$100 for overcharging 10 cents for one tin of "Milo" tonic food. 121 Queen's Road West, being the second offence, was fined \$200 for overcharging 30 cents for one tin of "Milo" tonic food.

Chen Kai Hup of Fu Kwai Chai, 12 Queen's Road West, being the second offence, was fined \$200 for overcharging 30 cents for one tin of "Milo" tonic food.

Lee Yin Nien of Yee Kee, 57 Queen's Road Central was fined \$100 for overcharging 10 cents for one tin of Quaker Oats.

ORCHESTRAL REHEARSAL

The first rehearsal of Hong Kong's post-war orchestra will be held at St. Joseph's College, Kennedy Road, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22, under the baton of Mr. R. A. N. Marsh, A.R.C.M.

Anyone playing a suitable orchestral instrument is invited to attend prepared to play, and if possible, bringing a music-stand as the club is at present unable to provide stands.

Subsequent weekly rehearsals will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall, Gordon Road, at 6 p.m. every Wednesday. The items to be rehearsed include Haydn's Clock Symphony, Mozart's Overture to the Marriage of Figaro, and Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnol.

Odd Spots In The News

GRAIN DELUGE

Sydney, Oct. 17. Emergency gangs of shop and clerical workers were being organised by farmers to assist in harvesting Australia's record wheat crop unofficially estimated at 230,000,000 bushels. In New South Wales, where the crop is expected to exceed 100,000,000 bushels, Minister of Agriculture Graham, said: "We are facing a deluge of grain. The closer we get to the harvest the more staggering our position becomes." While shortages of bags and silos were expected to present some difficulties the greatest problem was manpower. Farmers were offering up to a \$20 a day for workers.—United Press.

BAUXITE BUSINESS

Canberra, Oct. 17. Senator John Armstrong, Minister of Munitions, announced in the Senate today the immediate establishment of a \$3,000,000 aluminium industry on the River Tamar near Launceston, Tasmania. One year's survey had provided, the Minister said, bauxite resources adequate for 30 years full production.—Reuter.

DEADLINE

Washington, Oct. 17. The State Department said the Chinese Government has fixed Dec. 31 as the deadline for American and other Allied nationals to file claims for property of which they were deprived during the Japanese occupation in China.—Associated Press.

KIDNAPPERS

Shanghai, Oct. 17. The police today held Soo Sze-hsi on a kidnapping charge, accusing him of kidnapping his childhood sweetheart one day after she married another. The girl, Miss Hsia Kou-chang, was betrothed in her cradle to Hwang Chang-lien. On the wedding night the bridegroom awoke to find the girl was not beside him but outside talking with four men. Hwang aroused his neighbours, drove off the men and captured Soo. Next day en route home from the precincts where Soo was arrested, six men waylaid the bridegroom and kidnapped the girl.—United Press.

U.K. SUGAR

London, Oct. 17. The Ministry of Food announced last night that the controlled price of sugar for domestic consumption would be increased on Nov. 9 to five pence, an increase of two pence.—Associated Press.

SOMETHING TO SAY

Washington, Oct. 17. President Harry Truman declared today that Secretary of State Marshall will have something to say soon about General Wedemeyer's report on his recent survey of conditions in China.—Associated Press.

QUAKE

Calcutta, Oct. 17. Seismographs here recorded an earthquake shock of great intensity about 9,120 kilometres away at 0222 GMT today.—Reuter.

BITTER 2-DAY DEBATE ON NEW RULES FOR CHINESE C. OF C.

A two-day session of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, called to discuss the adoption of the Chamber's new constitution, ended yesterday in the constitution being thrown out after a lot of ill feeling had been aired by members.

The Chamber's honorary legal adviser, Mr. M. K. Lo informed the meeting that the notice calling for the ratification of the new constitution was irregular, and that to regularize matters a new meeting would have to be called to pass the constitution as a special resolution.

The new constitution, on which a 11-man committee appointed before the war, had been working since the end of last year, had been approved at two previous members' meetings held in August and September, but it was found these meetings had not been called in accordance with legal procedure.

Grievances Members' grievances were centred on the admission of 2,000 new members, whose qualifications were questioned. The meeting yesterday called for this matter to be thoroughly investigated.

Highlight of the meeting yesterday was a verbal tiff between the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and a member of the Chamber, Dr. Tang Fuk-cho who called the Chamber's legal adviser to task for not being able to answer many of the points raised. Mr. Lo retorted that his province was the legal side, on which he had given a clear explanation, and that he was in

Personalia

Passengers by C.P.A. planes included Miss Lolita Warner, Michael Galvin, Miss Olga M. Makubon and Miss Deloris Barsch (from Manila), and Miss Barbara Thompson (to Manila).

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel include Ellis Hayim, Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Hill, Arnold E. Leaver, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Walkshaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gokson, Mrs. Ida Ellis and Emil Placek.

Departures from the Peninsula include Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Shaver, F. J. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Moon, Col. and Mrs. R. C. F. Vance, Mrs. J. T. Silver, Miss Merry Tarrant, E. G. Beer, Miss Mary Duggan, R. C. Tins, Capt. and Mrs. J. Kinkade, M. A. Donnell, T. C. Johnson, Miss B. Thompson, W. D. Davis and G. T. Bamforth.

The Chief Justice (Sir Henry Blackall) will come to the microphone of ZBW tonight to give a talk to Women Jurors.

He will explain certain points which have been causing some doubt and difficulty, judging by the number of enquiries which have been received at the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice will give his address at 9.15.

Nominated by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. C.E.M. Terry, Manager of the Hong Kong-Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, leaves today by air to attend the Preparatory Asiatic Regional Conference of the International Labour Organisation in New Delhi.

The request to nominate a man from Hong Kong was received by the Chamber from the Colonial Employers' Federation.

Mr. Q.A.A. MacFarlane, Hong Kong's Deputy Commissioner of Labour, is scheduled to leave on Wednesday to act as Adviser to the United Kingdom Delegation.

Fifteen Chinese delegates to the International Labour Organisation's Labour Preparatory Conference are stated to emplane from Shanghai for Calcutta via Hongkong on Saturday en route to New Delhi for the opening meeting on October 27, says United Press.

Lost Vehicle

Legally: Government is not liable for payment of compensation for requisitioned vehicles "lost or damaged as a consequence of war operations," an official spokesman told the "China Mail" yesterday. "The spokesman related a former official statement that compensation in respect of requisitioned cars is governed by the Compensation (Defence) Regulations of 1940. "As regards policy, the spokesman said, 'the position is that a decision has not been reached as to whether or not payment of compensation may be made in such circumstances, notwithstanding absence of or doubt as to legal liability.'"

Man And A Million Dollars Disappear

Manila, Oct. 17. Police today said they had been asked to search Victor Berge of Los Angeles, California, 62-year-old employee of Salem-Skaugen, Steamship Line, who was reported missing after closing a US\$1,400,000 business deal at the Manila Hotel. Berge was on his way to take up a post there for the line.—Associated Press.

Chinese Employers Join HKEF

Chinese employers have been invited to join the projected Hong Kong Employers' Federation, the "China Mail" learned authoritatively yesterday.

Invitations have been sent to them through the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and through the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union. Reaction so far has been favourable and talks towards making the proposed Federation fully representative are said to be progressing smoothly.

It is understood that the new organisation—the first of its kind in Hong Kong—will be registered under the Trades Union and Trades Disputes Ordinance now being drafted.

SMALLPOX CASE

One case of smallpox—imported—was reported to the local Health Authorities last week. Other cases included 77 tuberculosis, of which 23 were fatal.



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Telephone 31867.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
the Annual General Meeting of
the European Y.M.C.A. at
which the Report of the Board
and the Statement of Accounts
for 1946/1947 will be presented,
will be held in the West Lounge
at 5.45 p.m., on Monday, the
27th October, 1947.

Ten will be served in the
West Lounge from 5 o'clock
onwards.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
A. W. INGRAM,
General Secretary.

Y.M.C.A., Salisbury Road,
Kowloon, Hong Kong.
2nd October, 1947.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Any person having knowl-
edge of the fate of Mr. Alexan-
der Christie Sinton, who is
believed to have been killed by
the Japanese during October,
1943, is requested to communi-
cate either in person or in
writing with the Secretary,
Medical Department.

I. NEWTON,
Director of Medical Services.
Hong Kong, 16th October, 1947.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors
and Appraisers.
Pedder Building.
Telephone No. 20224.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that
sealed tenders in triplicate,
which should be clearly marked
"Tender for making and re-
novating of Firebreakers" will
be received at the Office of the
Chairman, Tender Board,
Colonial Secretariat, until noon
on Friday, the 24th October,
1947 for the making of new
firebreakers and clearing of old
firebreakers in Kowloon and
New Territories up to an in-
cluding March 1948.

Tenderers must attach to
each tender a receipt that they
have deposited at the Treasury,
Prince's Building, Des Voeux
Road Central, the sum of
Dollars Two hundred and fifty
(\$250.00) as a pledge of the
bona fides of their tender,
which sum shall be forfeited to
the Government, if any tenderer
fails or refuses to carry out
his tender, should such tender
be accepted. The deposit shall be
returned to the tenderer whose
tender is not accepted.

Successful tenderers will be
required to deposit with the
Treasury the sum prescribed in
the Form of Tender as security
for the due and faithful per-
formance of the Contract.

Forms of tender, specifica-
tions and other particulars may
be obtained from the Forestry
Officer, Forestry Department,
Statue Square.

The Government does not
bind itself to accept the lowest
or any tender, and reserves
the right to accept all or any
part of each tender.

I. P. TAMWORTH,
Forestry Officer.
Hong Kong, 9th October, 1947.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that
sealed tenders in triplicate,
which should be clearly marked
"Tender for supply of seeds of
Pinus Massoniana" will be
received at the Office of the
Chairman, Tender Board,
Colonial Secretariat, until noon
on Friday, the 24th October,
1947 for the supply of a
quantity of seeds of Pinus
Massoniana not exceeding 5,000
lbs.

Tenderers must attach to
each tender a receipt that they
have deposited at the Treasury,
Prince's Building, Des Voeux
Road Central, the sum of
Dollars Two hundred and fifty
(\$250.00) as a pledge of the
bona fides of their tender,
which sum shall be returned to
the tenderer whose tender is
not accepted.

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Treasury the sum prescribed in
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or any tender, and reserves
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part of each tender.

I. P. TAMWORTH,
Forestry Officer.
Hong Kong, 9th October, 1947.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 29 OF 1947

Eastern Approaches to
Hong Kong.
Air Navigational Aids.

POSITION:—
Cape D'Agullar.
Lat. 22° 12' 38" N.
Long. 114° 15' 38" E.

DETAILS:—
The sodium light on
Cape D'Agullar re-
ferred to in Notice to
Mariners No. 6 of
1947 is now in opera-
tion. This light is
fixed, Amber in
Colour, and visible
from seaward.

REMARKS:—
Normally in use only
when the arrival of
B.O.A.C. aircraft is
expected.

CHARTS AFFECTED:— 1466,
3026, 1902, 1180 &
3605.

AUTHORITY:—Director of Air
Services, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.
Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 16th Oct. 1947.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a
Ship's name.

We, CAMBAY PRINCE
STEAMSHIP CO. LTD., of
No. 7 Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, hereby give notice
that in consequence of change of
Ownership, we have applied to
the Minister of Transport, under
Section 47 of the Merchant
Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of
the steamship "KWAI SANG"
of Hongkong Registry Official
No. 139569 Gross tonnage 2320
tons heretofore owned by INDO-
CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
CO. LTD., of HONGKONG, for
permission to change her name
to "SAN EDUARDO" and to
have her registered in the new
name at the Port of HONG
KONG as owned by CAMBAY
PRINCE STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.

Any objection to the proposed
change of name must be sent to
the REGISTRAR OF SHIP-
PING at HONGKONG within
seven days from the appearance
of this Advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong the six-
teenth day of October 1947.

CAMBAY PRINCE
STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.
R. LASALA,
Director.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a
Ship's name.

We, The Hongkong & Whampao
Dock Co., Ltd. of Kowloon
Docks, Hung Hom,
Kowloon, Hong Kong, hereby give notice
that being desirous of co-
ordinating nomenclature, we
have applied to the Minister
of Transport, under Section
47 of the Merchant Shipping
Act, 1894, in respect of the
British ship "PAULINE
MOLLER" of HONG KONG
REGISTRY Official Number
142,683 Gross tonnage 421.57
tons Register tonnage 124 tons
heretofore owned by us for
permission to change her name
to "H.W.D. PAULINE" and to
have her registered in the new
name at the Port of HONG
KONG as owned by the Hong
Kong & Whampao Dock Co. Ltd.

Any objection to the pro-
posed change of name must be
sent to the REGISTRAR OF
SHIPPING at HONG KONG
within SEVEN days from the
appearance of this advertise-
ment.

Dated at HONG KONG the
16th day of October 1947.

HONGKONG & WHAMPAO
DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.
R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a
Ship's name.

We, The Hongkong & Whampao
Dock Co., Ltd. of
Kowloon Docks, Hung Hom,
Kowloon, Hong Kong, hereby
give notice that being desirous
of co-ordinating nomenclature,
we have applied to the
Minister of Transport, under
Section 47 of the Merchant
Shipping Act, 1894, in respect
of the British ship "Gertrude
Moller" of HONG KONG
REGISTRY Official Number
155,851 Gross tonnage 92.88
tons Register tonnage 12.30
tons, heretofore owned by us
for permission to change her
name to "H.W.D. Gertrude"
and to have her registered in
the new name at the Port of
HONG KONG as owned by
The Hong Kong & Whampao
Dock Co. Ltd.

Any objection to the pro-
posed change of name must be
sent to the REGISTRAR OF
SHIPPING at HONG KONG
within SEVEN days from the
appearance of this advertise-
ment.

Dated at HONG KONG the
16th day of October 1947.

HONGKONG & WHAMPAO
DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

NOTICE THE HONG KONG REEL CLUB

Will those desirous of com-
municating with the Hongkong
Reel Club, kindly address all
correspondence to the Secre-
tary:—
Mrs. J. Sheehan, 499, The Peak.
Mrs. J. SHEEHAN,
Hon. Secretary.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of
ERNEST DUDLEY MAT-
THEWS late of No. 4 Armand
Buildings, Kowloon in the
Colony of Hong Kong,
Lieutenant Colonel, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probate Or-
dinance 1897 made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 4th day of November
1947.

All Creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 9th day of October
1947.

WILKINSON & GRIST,
Solicitors for the Administrator
of the estate of the
abovenamed deceased.

No. 2 Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of William
Roland Farmer late of
Johannesburg in the Pro-
vince of The Transvaal in
the Union of South Africa,
Clerk, (War Supplies), de-
ceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probate Or-
dinance 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 12th day of November
1947.

All Creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 17th day of October
1947.

WILKINSON & GRIST,
Solicitors for the Administrator
of the estate of the abovenamed
deceased.

No. 2 Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong.

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at, and tender forms with neces-
sary drawings obtained from the
Office of the C.R.A.O.C. H.Q.
Land Forces, situated in the
Old Ordnance Depot, opposite
"HMS TAMAR" Royal Naval
Barracks, Queen's Road East.

Completed Tender forms must
be returned, together with draw-
ings, C.R.A.O.C. Office, not later
than 1200 hrs., Monday 27th
October 1947.

The C.R.A.O.C. does not bind
itself to accept the lowest, or
any, tender.

R. H. A. P. FINNEY,
Lt. Col.
Comdr. Royal Army
Ordnance Corps.

NOTICE

It is officially announced that
a meeting of the Shareholders of
The Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold
Storage Co. Ltd., will be con-
vened in the near future for the
purpose of passing a Resolution
increasing the authorized capital
of the Company from 600,000
shares of £7.50 each = £2,250,000
to 1,000,000 shares of £7.50 each
= £7,500,000. The issued capital
of the Company at the moment
is 293,335 shares of £7.50 each.
A new issue on the basis of 2
new shares for every 3 shares
held is proposed to be issued at
a premium of £7.50 per share.
Such an issue would bring the
issued Capital to 488,889 shares.
Actual terms will be submitted
to Shareholders in the near
future.

Cabinet Murder Trial:

Ministers Had Only "Hazy Recollection"

Rangoon, Oct. 16.
Two Burmese Cabinet Ministers, giving evidence
at the trial of U Saw, pre-war Premier of
Burma, and others accused of assassinating U
Aung San and six other Burmese Ministers
last July told a special tribunal here today
that they were in the Council Chamber at the
time of the tragedy but had only a hazy re-
collection of it.

They were even unable to
identify the assassins.

The Ministers, U Aung San
Wai, a Special Services Minis-
ter, U Ba Gyan, a Commerce
Minister, who gave evidence for
the prosecution, said U Aung
San, the Prime Minister, was
the first victim of the gunmen,
who rushed into the Council
Chamber and sprayed it with
bullets on the morning of July
19.

They themselves had the pre-
sence of mind to lie down flat on
the floor and got up only after
the assassins had left the Cham-
ber.

"Flopped Down"

U Saw sat in his corner of
the dock, attentively watching
the proceedings and occasion-
ally taking notes. He looked weary
and dejected most of the time,
although he was all smiles
while entering and leaving the
dock. The ex-Premier seemed
perturbed when his counsel
failed to turn up in court at the
beginning of today's session.

The lawyer arrived three quar-
ters of an hour later, when U
Saw was seen whispering to him.

The first of the 132 Crown
witnesses to testify before the
Special Tribunal today, was the
middle aged, mild mannered,
Arakanese, U Aung San Wai.
He said that he remembered

Iran Army Activity

Tehran, Oct. 17.
The Chief of Staff of the
Persian army, General Ras-
mazi, calling for greater
army expenditure today,
told the Persian Cultural
Club that a foreign attack
on Persia could be made
"only over the bodies of the
country's 15,000,000 people."
Considerable activity has
taken place in Persian mili-
tary circles in the past
week.
The commanders of pro-
vincial garrisons were or-
dered to Tehran for con-
ferences. They attended a
staff college reopening, and
with the Shah, Mohammed
Reza Pahlavi, watched Per-
sian air force manoeuvres,
with Persian pilots flying
British aircraft.
The Persian army also
held an exercise north of
Tehran as the end of their
summer training.—Reuter.

No War For Some Years --- Monty

Canberra, Oct. 16.
Mr. Cyril Chambers,
Army Minister, said in
the House of Representa-
tives today that Field
Marshal Lord Montgo-
mery, Chief of the Im-
perial General Staff, had
told the Australian Gov-
ernment that he believes
the world would not face
another war for some
years.

"He may be wrong," Mr.
Chambers declared, "but he has
had the advantage of seeing many
of the countries involved in the
recent war and is entitled to
speak with authority."

"If there is another war in
which atomic bombs are used, it
will mean the end of civilisation.
Casualties won't be measured by
the size of armies. It won't mat-
ter whether you have 1,000 or
1,000,000 men in the field."

Mr. Chambers, who was speak-
ing on the defence estimates, said
that he believed the permanent
army of 10,000 was sufficient
under present conditions.
If the situation took a more
serious turn, the Government
would undoubtedly review the
position, he added.—Reuter.

CONTROVERSIAL BOOK: CONVOCATION DODGES THE ISSUE

Church of England clergy today deftly side-
stepped an opportunity for full discussion of a book
by one of their bishops expressing doubt in the
virgin birth, and declared the matter closed.

Dr. E. G. Selwyn, Dean of
Winchester, told the Lower
House of the Convocation of
Canterbury that he had made a
"technical error" in making
a motion yesterday afternoon,
thanking Dr. Geoffrey Fisher,
Archbishop of Canterbury, for
an address in which Dr. Fisher
attacked the book.

Dr. Selwyn said the motion,
which would have permitted
full discussion of "The Rise of
Christianity" by Dr. William
Ernest Barnes, 73-year-old
Bishop of Birmingham, propo-
sition should have been made
under standing orders today.

Not Resigning

He conceded that he could
make the motion again today,
but added, "After further con-
sideration, I am very doubtful
whether a motion on the sub-
ject would serve any useful
purpose and I find that view
widely shared by others."

Dr. Barnes said he had no
intention of resigning his
Bishopric, despite Dr. Fisher's
statement that if he were Dr.
Barnes he would not feel able
to continue to hold office in the
Church.

Dr. Barnes said: "Belief in
miracles has gone from the
scientific world. The Church
and too many of its theologians
have refused to accept the new
outlook. There has been sil-
ence and delay, which are pro-
ving disastrous."

Dr. Cyril Garbett, Arch-
bishop of York, in his Presi-
dential address to the full

Earl Weds Italian

London, Oct. 16.
The Earl of Jersey, 37-year-
old former husband of film ac-
tress Virginia Cherrill, was
married at Chelsea registry
office today to Signorina
Blanca Maria Mottironi, 24,
daughter of a wealthy Italian
textile mill owner.

It was the Earl's third mar-
riage and Signorina Mottironi's
first. He married Miss Cher-
rill in 1937, shortly after he
was divorced by his first wife,
an Australian. Miss Cherrill
was awarded a divorce on July
30 on the grounds of adultery.
The bride was given away by
her father, Enrico C. Mottironi
of Turin. The couple planned
a honeymoon in the West In-
dies.—Associated Press.

Important Announcement TO OUR RESTAURANT PATRONS

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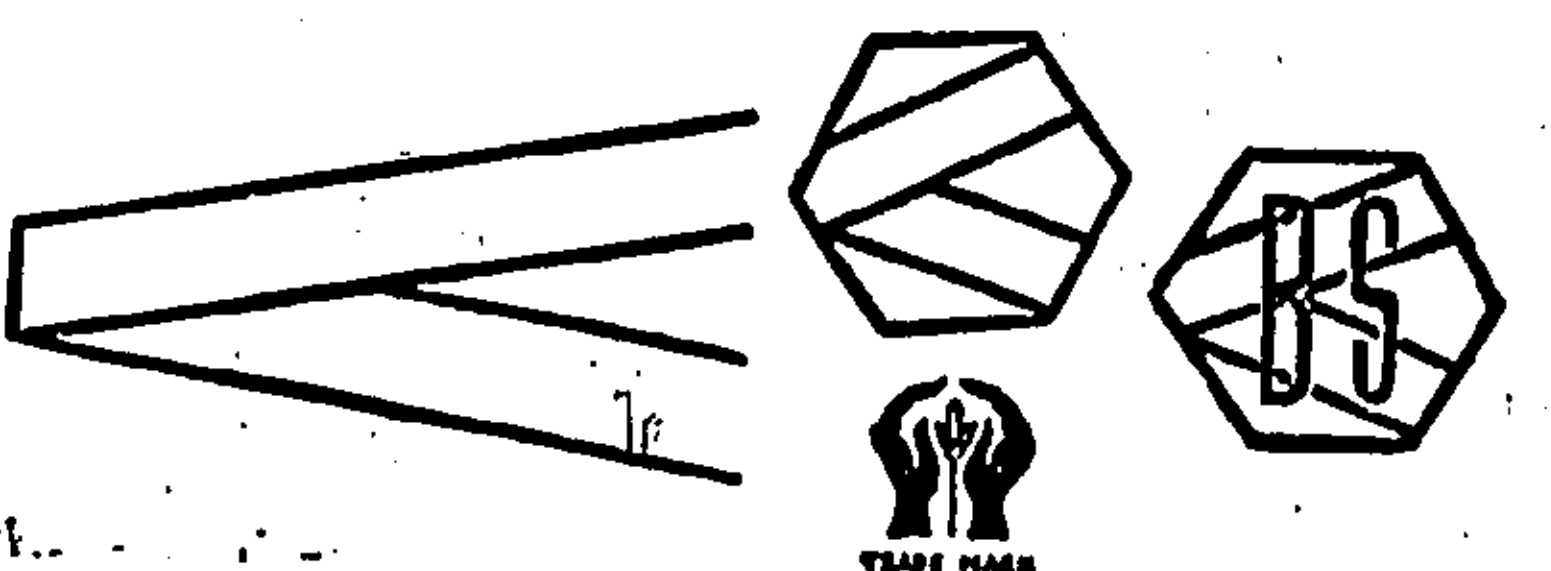
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MARRIAGE

ANDERSON. ROBB. — At the G.H.Q. Chapel Centre, Tokyo, Japan, on October 8, 1947, William Summers Anderson, only son of the late Mr. W. G. Anderson and Mrs. W. E. Reimers of Hongkong, to Janice Elizabeth Robb, elder daughter of Col. and Mrs. H. L. Robb, Washington, D.C.

BIRTH

ANDERSON. — At Queen Mary Hospital on October 17, 1947, to Robert and Frances Anderson, a daughter.

THE COLONY'S FINANCES

The Government's reluctance to be frank about the nature and extent of the Colony's financial commitments to H.M. Government does not appear to have undergone any appreciable modification in the official replies to Mr. M. K. Lo's questions in Legislative Council on Thursday. Indeed, while three figures were mentioned, \$3,250,000, \$15,000,000 and \$30,000,000, it is not yet clear whether the greater includes the less, or whether the total bill, so far ascertained, may be computed at round about \$92,000,000. As we read the carefully phrased answers to Mr. Lo, which leave it to be inferred that the Colony has not received any financial aid since March, 1947, a good deal, if not all, of the amounts shown in Hong Kong dollars, could be included within the total of sterling liability to H.M. Government, in which case it is not a little difficult to see what all the fuss has been about, or the reason for casting a haze of mystery over the transactions that have produced the bill. Various oblique references by high Government officials to the heavy shadow of overseas debt darkening the financial sky have served to create an impression that the figure was such as to be mentioned only with bated breath. If it is no more than \$52,000,000 Thursday's statement will have brought relief to many minds. Taking the higher figure as more accurate, and it is still considerably less than gloomy budgetary speeches had led the taxpayer to fear. Moreover, these are approximately the upper levels of the possible liability of the Colony on war payments accounts. The ultimate responsibility for payment of very considerable items, as between H.M. Government and the H.K. Government, has yet to be determined, so that when agreement has been reached, it is reasonable to expect a sharp down-scaling of the total indebtedness. These reassurances do not, however, absolve Government from the obligation to give this Colony's full story. The war has seen the dissipation of the substantial surplus at the Colony's credit in 1941. It has never been explained what happened to that surplus, and the surmise that the Japanese occupying authority had much to do with its disappearance is not enough. Again, the Colony had large investments in London before the war, earning approximately \$250,000 annually. The assumption that the revenue from this source was applied to the Colony's expenditure prior to January, 1944, the date, apparently, when H.M. Government first commenced to make advances on Hong Kong account, is not enough. Whatever the final bill may be, it is to the Hong Kong taxpayer that the Government will look for its liquidation and he is entitled to be presented with an itemized account, showing exactly how the money was spent. The existence of controversial items, over payment of which Government might desire, conveniently, to draw a veil, or, preferably, persuade H.M. Government to assume the responsibility, does nothing to invalidate the public claim to the fullest information. Meanwhile, some resentment will be felt over the disclosure that the Colony's finances are subject to H.M. Treasury control and

For The First Time In Its History, The Colony Will On Monday Witness Colourful Ceremonies At The Opening Of The "Assizes." In This Article MARGARET BRADBURY Gives Some Of The Background To The Ancient Ritual

SUPREME COURT PAGEANTRY

When "Sir Henry Blackall opens the Criminal Sessions here on Monday he will introduce for the first time in the history of the Colony some of the traditional grandeur which accompanies this ancient ritual in England.

In picturesque scarlet robes and full-bottomed wig, the Chief Justice—who when he sits in his Court of Assize ranks higher in precedence than the Governor—will inspect a Guard of Honour with Regimental Colour, pipes and drums, provided by men of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers drawn up in front of the Cenotaph.

Inside the First Court, after the formal opening of the Sessions and the hearing of the pleas, His Honour will address the Bar on the administration of Justice in Hong Kong.

As a British Colony for over a hundred years, Hong Kong is almost unique in that it has never before observed the opening of each legal year with any of the pomp which it is accorded in nearly all other parts of the Empire. There is no known reason for this, and

future years will see a colourful scene to mark the occasion.

The majesty surrounding English judges in their opening of the Courts of Assize, springs from the fact that although they are appointed by the King, not even His Majesty has as much power over them as he has over all his other Ministers, subjects and military forces. From the day the judge is placed in office he cannot be removed even by the King without an address being made by both Houses of Parliament simultaneously.

In this way he is above the power of individual parties and also the Sovereign.

Perhaps the position of a British justice can best be explained by an incident which occurred recently during the Assize sitting of a well known English judge.

Before him stood a Colonel who, upon being addressed without his rank, said: "My I remind Your Honour that I hold the King's Commission?" Replied the judge: "Sitting here sir, I am the King."

The origin of the Assize goes back many hundreds of years in Britain. Originally, the King used to tour the country when the people were given opportunities to present their petitions to him. Later, in the time of Henry II, he sent Justices round to deal with cases on the spot, and the original Justices were the people who were first-hand witnesses in the case.

London Ceremony

At the present day in England, the centre of justice is in the Law Courts in London, and the Old Bailey. The fountain of justice is the Sovereign. Each year the law courts are opened with much ceremony, and the Judges go in full session to attend a Divine Service before proceeding to open their courts.

On this occasion they wear full court dress, of silk breeches, silk stockings, silver buckled shoes and silken coat. Over this, they wear the scarlet robes which denote their power and function. From St. Paul's Cathedral to the Law Courts they walk with the Lord Chief Justice at their head preceded by his Mace Bearer carrying full mace surmounted by Royal Crown and Arms. Behind the Justices walk the King's Council all also wearing court dress.

They in turn are followed by Junior Counsel, and the usual procession of attendants. After the judges have taken seats in their respective courts they deliver an address to the Bar. One of the essential formalities in the procedure is the prayer offered by the Usher who calls out "Oyez, Oyez, God

save the King and My Lords the King's Justices."

The judges then rise from London and go to the counties. The first itineraries of this kind were made on behalf of the provincial people, as travelling in the olden days in England was difficult, expensive and sometimes hazardous. England is still divided traditionally into circuits and each county has an Assize town, usually the capital of the county. There the judge arrives the night before he is due to open the Assize and the following morning drives from his lodging to the court in an open landau drawn by two horses. In his hand he carries a pony of sweet-smelling herbs wrapped in a white lace cloth. This is a survival of the day when the justices used to visit the jails for the general release of prisoners and the stench which rose from the dungeons on the opening of the trapdoor so nauseated them that they fanned themselves with the pony.

"General Delivery"

One of the safeguards of the English citizen is that the Judges must go once a year to each county. Part of his commission as a Judge of Assize is that he must try every person held in jail for every cause, and the Sheriff is bound to deliver up to him each man or woman held in custody and give a true account of their crime. That is why on some occasions the Assize is referred to as a "Court of General Delivery."

The Assize is the pillar on which the English people's liberties have been founded since the time of Henry II. It is a ceremony which is looked forward to today as one of the most important occasions in every county town. While the judge is sitting there and the sessions are going on, it provides an important social occasion because His Lordship becomes the centre of the town's social life while he stays there. The magistrates and Justices of the Peace are bound to attend upon him and the Sheriff must also be there in person or be represented by a "suitable deputy."

The importance of Monday's unique ceremony in Hong Kong is that it marks with greater emphasis the potency of English justice and it has been amplified by a long line of men who have worn the scarlet robes and in the English courts at home and in English possessions all over the world. They have brought with them the highest ideals of incorruptibility, secure as they have been from intrigue and malice and from the spleen and influence of political parties.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

REMOVE ENTRIES EARLY

There is one tactic which is seldom possible for a defender to overdo. That is the knocking of sure entries out of a dummy which has a dangerous looking long suit, when he can do it good and early. The device should not be used when it is sure to produce quick disclosure of declarer's losers in some other suit. But when that danger does not appear to prevail, the early removal of such an entry or entries can be helpful in various possible ways, even sometimes protecting the partner's guarded trump honour which otherwise might get caught in a "coup" position.

SK 4
H Q 9 8 7 3
D A 1
C 10 8 5
S 3
H K 5
D 9 7 6 4 2
C A K J 9 5
S A J 10 9 5 3
H A 10
D K Q J 10 5
C None
(Dealer: South, North-South vulnerable)

South	West	North	East
25	SC	3H	4C
4D	SC	3H	4C
4D	Dbl	6S	Pass
Pass	Dbl		

Upon ruffing the club K, South decided West would be too smart to double this contract if he held a guarded trump honour, so he decided to play East for a load of spades to the Q. He went to the dummy with the spade K and finished the J, learning just what East held. With three trumps, left, it was up to him to get rid of another bid.

Tomorrow's Problem

H Q 6 5
H Q 5 2
D K Q 4 3
C K Q 4 3

South	West	North	East
SJ 972	N	SK 8 4	
H 9 8 3	W	HK J 10 4	
D 7 6 4 2	E	D 9 8	
C 9 8	S	C J 10 7 2	

S A 10 3
H A 7 6
D A J 10 5 3
C A 6
(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable)

After South's 1-Diamond and North's 2-Clubs, what should South bid?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I suppose it was him being a millionaire and our mutual interest in his money that attracted him!"

The Work Of Unrra Through Hong Kong

"The world's biggest repair job," that of bringing succour to millions of war-displaced, famine-ridden Chinese and aiding China's war-damaged industrial machine on the road toward recovery is nearing conclusion.

Viewing UNRRA's achievements in the two post-war years in retrospect, we find that Hongkong's part in this huge programme was of considerable importance.

In volume of relief and rehabilitation supplies received on behalf of China, the Crown Colony ranks second only to the port of Shanghai.

It must be stated at the outset that UNRRA's office in Hongkong acts as an administrative unit concerned solely with the turning over of UNRRA relief supplies landed there to CNRRA. The latter agency is responsible for the transshipment of these UNRRA supplies at their final points of destination.

UNRRA operations started in Hongkong on December 31, 1945, with the arrival of the s.s. "Hanyang," just over one month after the commencement of active UNRRA operations in Shanghai. The arrival and unloading of the s.s. "Emile Vidal" in early November 1945. There have followed over 1,000 ships which, in little less than two years, have brought over 2,300,000 tons of relief and rehabilitation supplies from all corners of the globe to China.

Local Share

Hongkong's share in these gigantic operations amounted in the same period to over 200 ships unloaded, while in addition 13 air shipments with vital medical supplies were rechanneled through the Crown Colony. The total quantity of UNRRA supplies received in Hongkong and turned over to CNRRA for transshipment and distribution amounted in early September to roughly ten per cent of the total China programme or 368,000 of the aggregate 2,300,000 long tons of UNRRA goods so far received in this country. Present schedules provide for discharge in Hongkong of over 5,000 long tons of the balance of 400,000 long tons scheduled under the UNRRA China programme.

As in the overall China programme, the initial shipments of UNRRA supplies received in Hongkong were of foodstuffs, agricultural and industrial rehabilitation supplies, consisting of tractors and other farm machinery, communications equipment, and manufacturing machinery soon outnumbered relief supplies, when the relief phase of UNRRA's operations had been completed.

Among the bigger shipments of UNRRA supplies received in Hongkong and transhipped to Canton were large numbers of freight cars, locomotives, locomotive cranes and railway bridging material. The Crown Colony was the receiver of one of the largest shipments of American locomotives to be imported by UNRRA for the rehabilitation of China's railway system, when the s.s. "Bellevue" unloaded 47 Baldwin and Lima Locomotives for the Chinese railways in March 1947.

All railway rehabilitation material and heavy engines were transhipped to Canton from Hongkong for assembly at a special railway repair shop. The railway bridging material will be distributed among major railway lines in South China for the erection of bridges by Chinese Engineers, aided by assembly sequence booklets prepared by UNRRA Engineers.

Whole Plants

Machinery for the rehabilitation of manufacturing plants in South China, shipped by UNRRA via Hongkong includes complete equipment for cement plants, tile and brick factories, textile mills, and machine tools such as lathes and milling machines for a large variety of industries.

The present Director of the Hongkong Branch of UNRRA's Office which is located in the Ritz Hotel, 122 Austin Road Kowloon, is Arthur S. Cowan of Perth, Western Australia. Mr. Cowan who holds Associate Membership in both the Federal Institute of Accountants, and the Australasian Institute of Secretaries and is in addition qualified in law for the Western Australian Magistracy, was Executive Officer in Hongkong while Brigadier A. E. Hunt of Newton Abbot, England, was Director. Mr. Cowan became the Acting Director on July 15, when Brigadier Hunt retired from UNRRA.

Liaison with CNRRA is of great importance in Hongkong where all UNRRA goods received are turned over to CNRRA upon arrival. The supplies are shipped from Hongkong by river, junk, barge and railroad to Canton and other points in South China, including Wuchow, Fort Bayard, Swatow and other distribution centres. During the great Hunan famine in 1946, UNRRA rice was shipped directly from Hongkong to Hengyang by rail, and it was largely because of the speed and efficiency of this transshipment that the Hunan staple foodstuff was carried out in 1946 was stemmed and recurrence this year prevented.

Done Its Share

The UNRRA staff in Hongkong number nine overseas personnel and about 30 resident employees. In addition seven UNRRA staff members were transferred to the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organisation's branch in Hongkong, which took over UNRRA's work for the repatriation of war-displaced persons.

Hongkong's part in UNRRA's China programme—largest of UNRRA's world wide post-war relief and rehabilitation efforts—which is now coming to a close, has been commensurate with its position as the biggest natural harbour in South China. The Colony has done its share in the great task undertaken by the United Nations to help put China back on her feet and on the road to recovery from eight years of devastating warfare.

GOODWIN SANDS SALVAGE

Deal, Oct. 17. The first salvage by divers ever to be attempted in the treacherous, fast-flowing currents of the Goodwin Sands in the English Channel off Deal, was continued for the winter today, with the divers having recovered nearly 1,500,000 worth of lead from 1,500 tons metal aboard the American freighter, North-eastern Victory which was grounded last Christmas Eve.

Since salvage operations began last month, 530 tons of lead in 100-pound ingots have been recovered. The lead has a market value of £90 per ton—United Press.

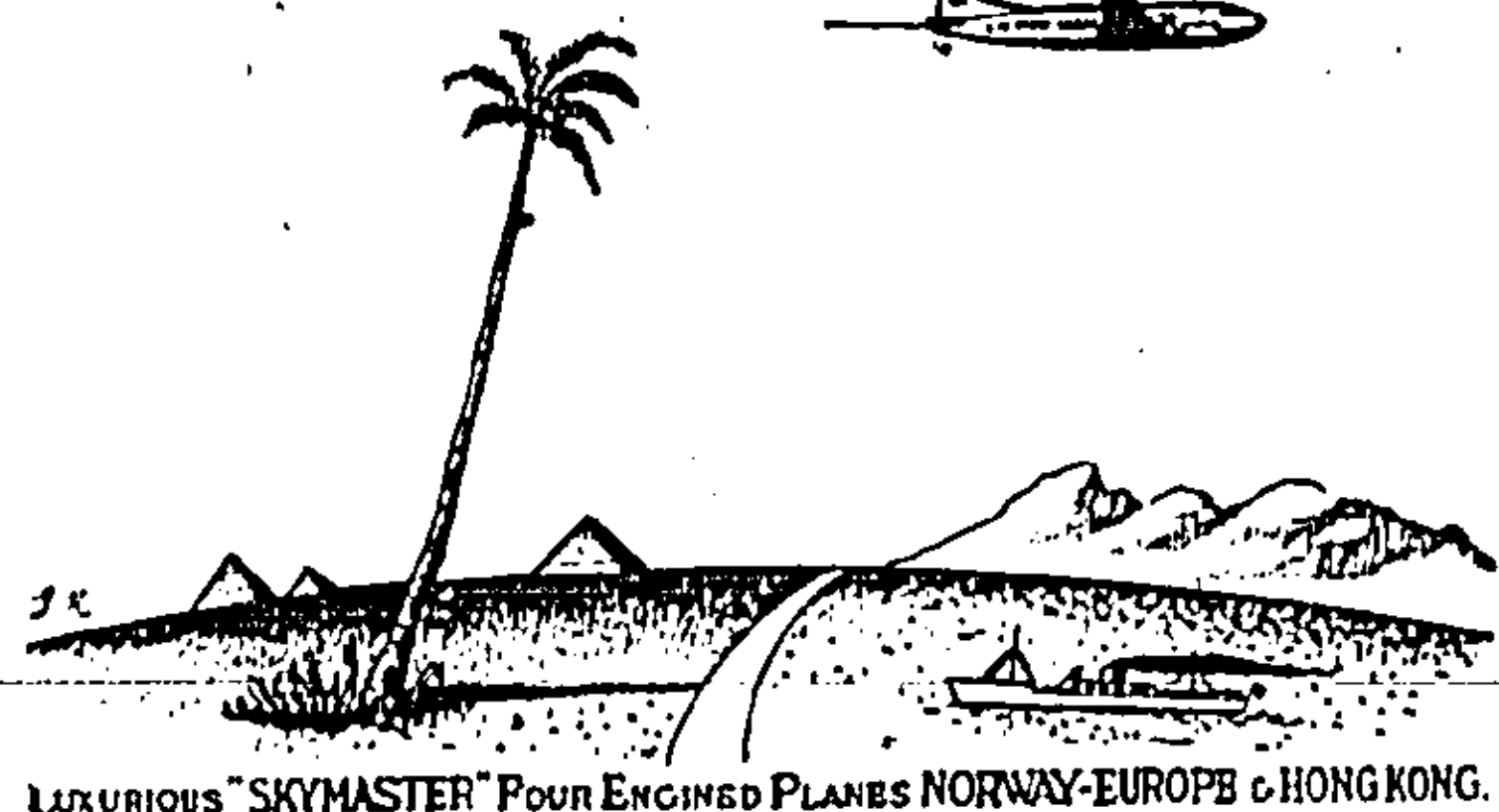
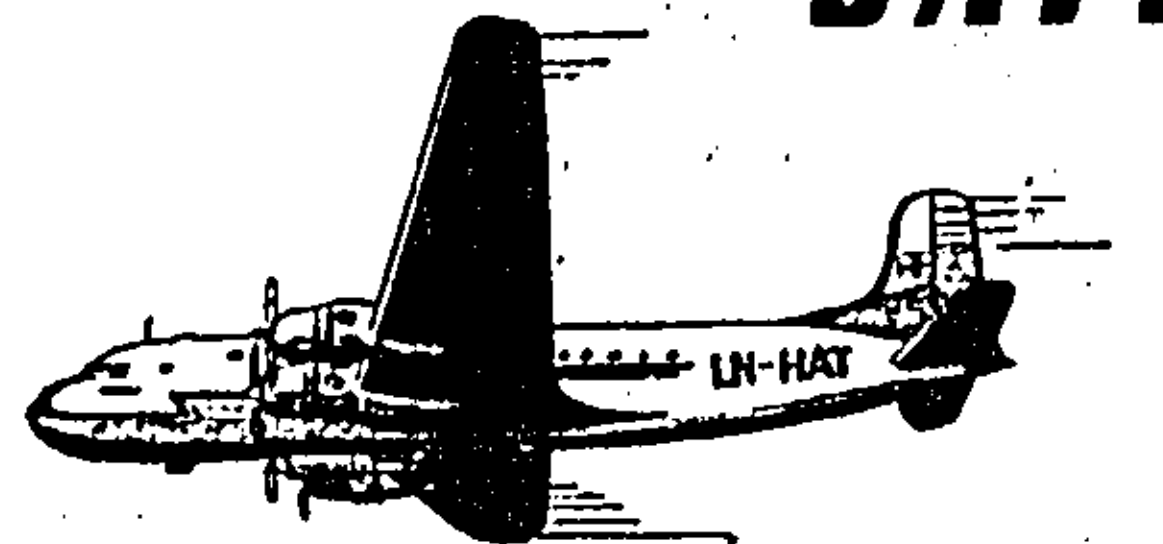
"BELFAST" AT POMPEY

London, Oct. 17. The British Admiralty announces that the British cruiser Belfast will arrive at Portsmouth today after service with the British Pacific Fleet. On her arrival Belfast will land a party of about 30 Service personnel from Hongkong.

H.M.S. Belfast has been absent from the United Kingdom since June 1945. She was sent to the Far East after supporting the initial Allied landings in Normandy and arrived in Eastern waters shortly after the war with Japan ended.

Earlier, in the struggle, the Belfast was severely damaged by a mine and was almost completely reconstructed before she took part in the destruction in the North Atlantic of the German commerce raider Seehorn.

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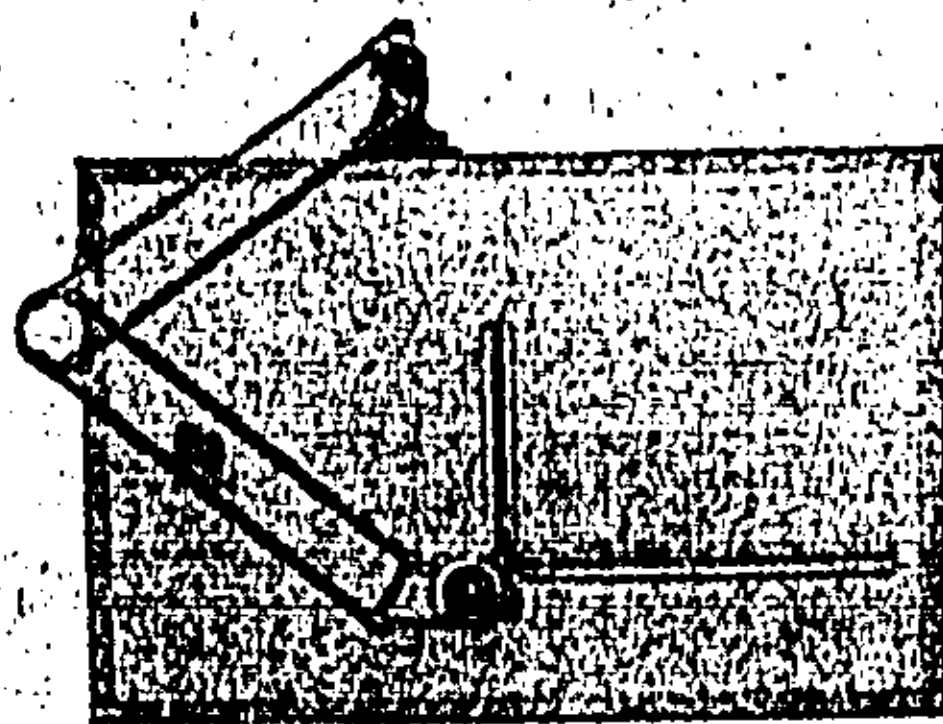
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BRITAIN MAKES IT CLEAR Palestine Withdrawal In Limited Period Turning Down Of U.S. Suggestion

Lake Success, Oct. 16.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the British Colonial Secretary, told the United Nations Palestine Committee tonight, "My Government desire that it should be clear beyond all doubt and finality that not only is it our decision to wind up the Palestine Mandate, but that within a limited period we shall withdraw."

"It seems to us essential that in determining the nature of a settlement, the General Assembly should also determine the measures to implement it."

"It would be unreasonable to ask His Majesty's Government to carry the sole and full responsibility for the administration of Palestine and on enforcing the changes which the United Nations regard as necessary. It has been suggested, as I under supervision of the United Kingdom should carry such responsibility throughout an indefinite transition period until independence is attained acting under supervision of the United Nations to enforce the United Nations policy, and being assisted by a programme of aid as mentioned by the delegate of the United States including the possible assistance of a voluntarily recruited international police force."

Beyond Doubt

"My Government's desire is that it should be clear beyond all doubt and ambiguity, that not only is it our decision to wind up the Mandate, but that within a limited period we shall withdraw."

"They made only two qualifications."

"1. That in the event of a settlement between Jews and Arabs, they would if so desired continue the administration of Palestine through a limited period of transfer to independence."

"2. That they would consider invitations to participate in giving effect to the settlement in partnership with other members of the United Nations."

"In short His Majesty's Government will not accept the responsibility for enforcement either alone or in the major role."

Realities

"They still hope that in view of their firm intention to withdraw, both the Jewish and Arab communities will be seized with the realities of the situation and appreciate to the full the unhappy consequences that can follow to themselves and their country by failing to agree on the future of Palestine."

"The United Kingdom most earnestly hopes that the discussions of the past weeks have revealed the trend of world opinion and the dangers of continuing the struggle between two peoples, and that their representatives and the United Nations will quickly move to some accommodation, which will bring harmony and stability in this part of the Middle East."

"It is a new situation confronting the parties concerned. The weeks of discussion here should make this hope not more unrealistic, but less. Moreover, we trust that the anxieties now felt in the Middle East about the present deliberations of the United Nations and their possible outcome, will not lead to

a military preparation or a deployment of force amongst the peoples concerned."

"We hope that no steps will be taken that will be provocative and result in violence."—Reuter.

AMERICA CONSIDERS AID DEMAND AS "MUCH TOO HIGH"

Washington, Oct. 17.

High United States officials working on the Marshall Plan here told the United Press they believed European participating nations either would have to scale down their demands to a point Congress would consider "reasonable" or the United States administration would have to do it for them.

These officials said there was no question but that Congress would consider the original \$22,000,000,000 figure set at the Paris conference as necessary for European recovery over the next four years much too high. The only question remaining was who was to do the cutting.

They explained that this posed delicate diplomatic and political problems because the European Steering Committee now visiting the United States to "interpret their figures to the United States are convinced that the present plan is feasible, logical statement of needs and extensive trimming would result in a totally inadequate programme."

The Europeans were quoted here as believing that if they took the responsibility for cutting figures too far below the original estimates, the plan would fail to provide the degree of recovery expected of it and then they would get the blame for its failure.

Hesitating

Well-informed sources in the United States administration, however, say privately that if the plan were presented to Congress for their concurrence in its

Military Drivers Safest

London, Oct. 17.

An analysis of road accidents involving Army vehicles shows that 40 per cent occurred on straight roads away from all junctions and that in collisions only 39 per cent of Service drivers were careless, as against 49 per cent civilian drivers.

The difference was even more pronounced at night and might be due to Service drivers having night driving training, while most civilians learn by experience, says a report of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

A third of all accidents occurred when one vehicle was overtaking or passing a stationary vehicle, and stationary vehicles were noted as a factor in 20 per cent of the most serious overtaking accidents.

Army motor-cycles were involved in surprisingly few accidents, compared with trucks and lorries, but their injury rate was very much higher, the report added.—Reuter.

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WAR OFFICE STRIKE

London, Oct. 16.
One hundred civil servants—man and women machine operators of photo-printing processes at the War Office—started an unofficial strike today.

They are protesting that negotiations between the Civil Service Union and the Treasury on their financial position and status have taken too long.

Their demand is for a maximum £20-a-week and "proper" recognition of their status as civil servants.

They allege that cleaners who step out of the machine rooms earn more than they do.—Reuter.

Anglo-U.S. Warning To Germans

Berlin, Oct. 16.

The British and United States Military Governments, announcing plans to dismantle 682 German industrial and war plants for reparations, warned that the programme would be carried out despite resistance threats from the Germans.

They said the dismantling would be accomplished as fast as possible to expedite European economic recovery.

British Lieut. Gen. Sir Brian Robertson said: "If, instead of cooperation, there is conflict, any hope of reviving the German economy will disappear."

No trouble was expected in the United States zone, where only 69 plants remain to be dismantled.

Major General George P. Hays, emphasizing that the order would be carried out, said: "The last resort would be to use military force."

The Berlin press carried the announcement without comment.

The Nacht Express, in the Russian zone, banner lined, "The Clock is Set Back."—Associated Press.

CHURCHES BACK CHINA AID

Detroit, Oct. 16.

The American Council of Christian Churches today adopted resolutions asking President Truman to aid China "in order to save China and eventually the United States from the disaster to many noble causes such as a colonized China and Manchuria would sooner or later mean."

The Council said, "Unless a stand against Russia is made now the world is destined for the most horrible bath of blood and holocaust of unimaginable proportions." The Council asserted Russia is "an insatiable tyrant bent upon enslavement of the peoples of the earth."

The Council claims to represent about 3,000 Christian Churches with 1,200,000 members.—Associated Press.

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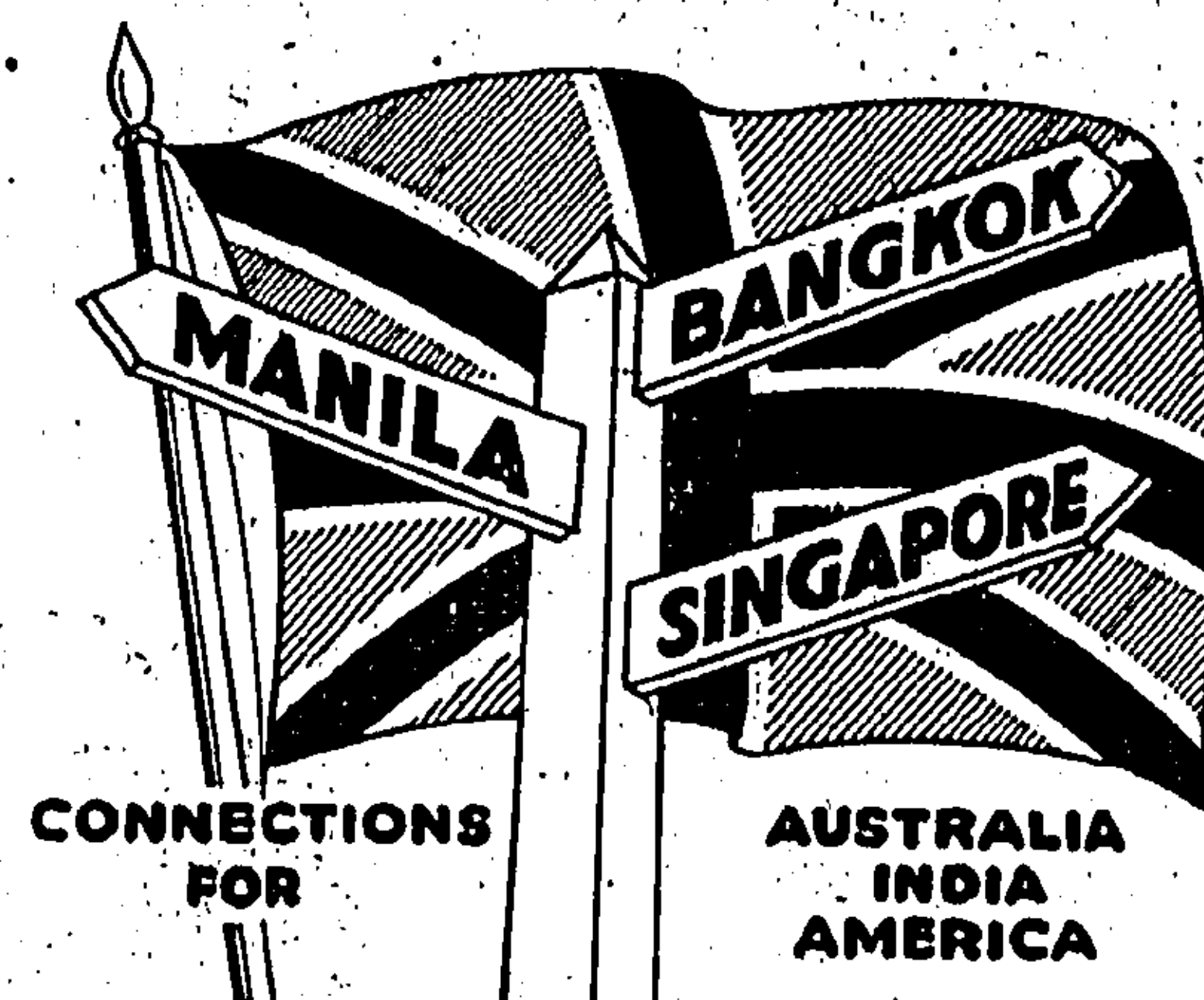
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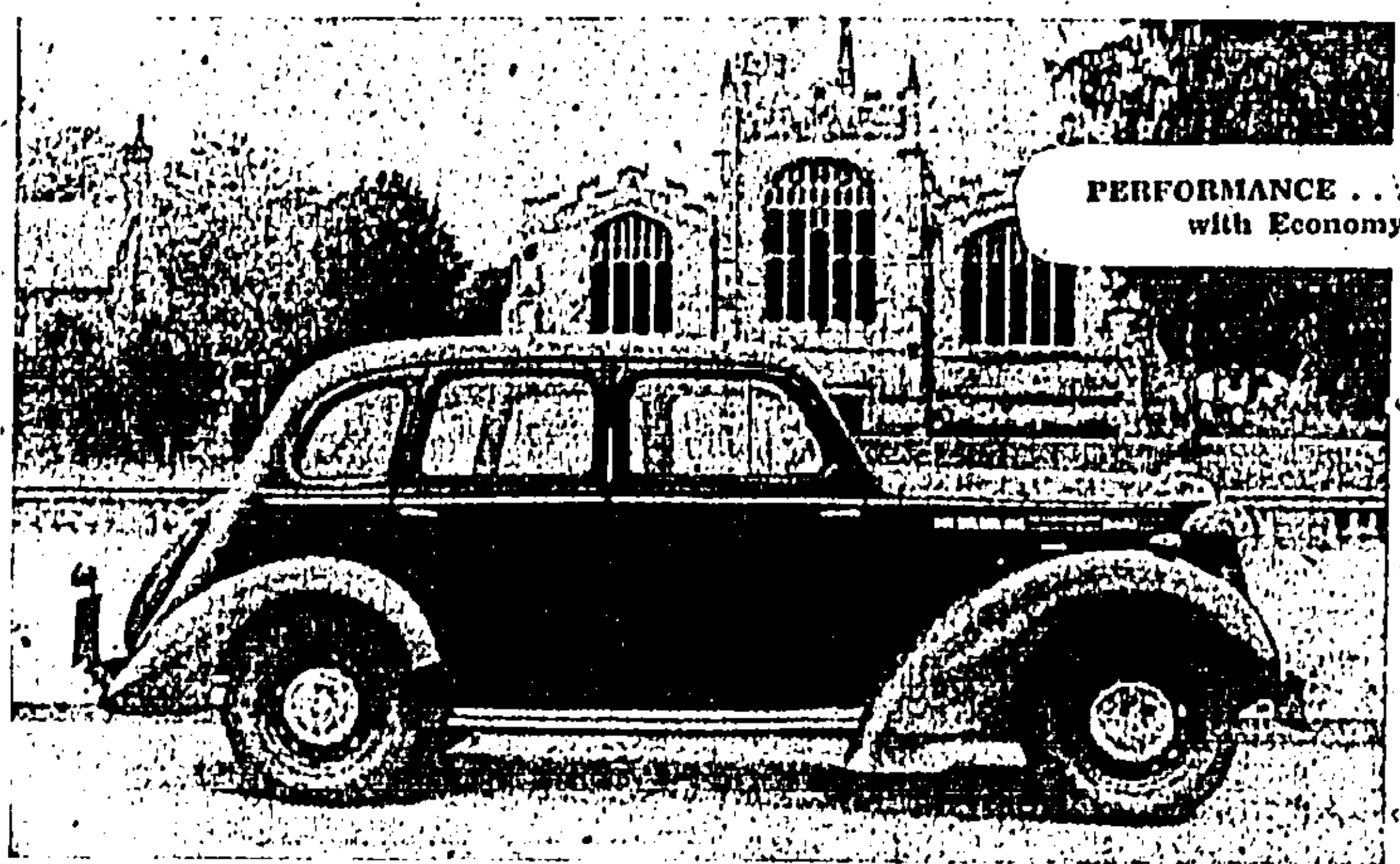
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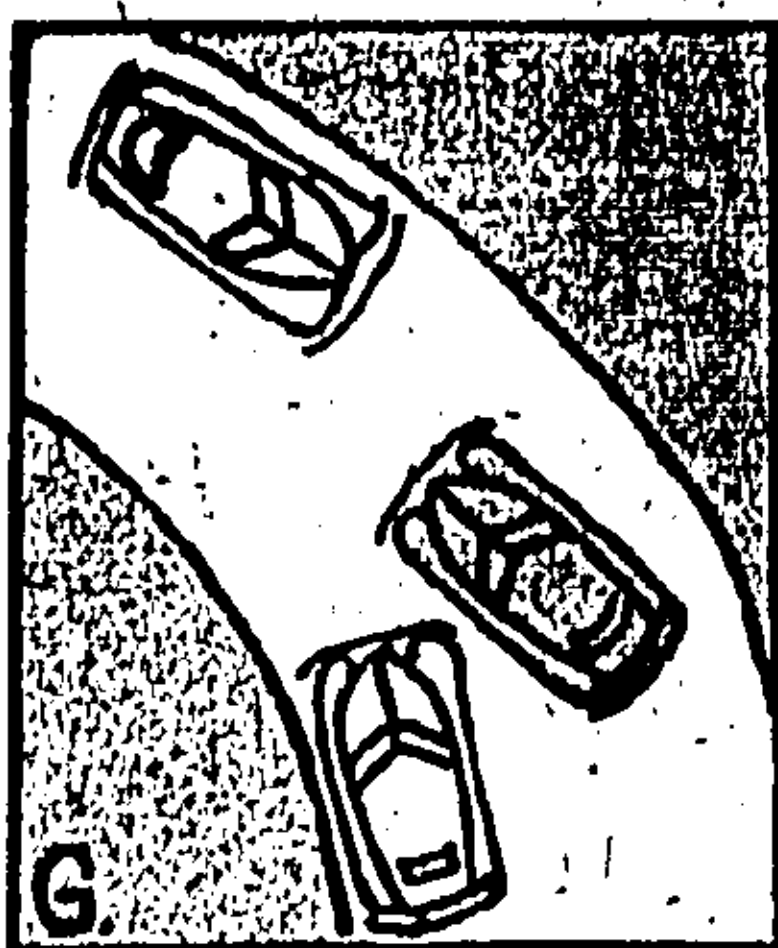
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Bennett & Wood Pty. Ltd., of Sydney, Australia, and Coventry, England, recently opened a large and modern spare-parts department in their head office in Sydney. They are the largest distributors of automotive parts, accessories and garage equipment in New South Wales.

Tires are now being tested by Messrs. at Fort Dunlop, it being possible, after much research, to obtain a complete picture of the cover's construction.

Buses With Temperature Control

A North England firm is now building double deck buses which will be warm in winter and cool in summer.

Temperature control is ensured by a combined ventilating and heating system. The heater element, which operates from the engine water circulation system, is mounted outside the bus under the part of the roof of the lower saloon that extends alongside the driver's cab. It is connected to both upper and lower saloons of the bus by short ducts.

Hot water, controlled by a cock in the driver's cab, circulates around the element and the heat radiating from it is swept through the ducts by a large electric fan. If the water is shut off, the electric fan can be left running to circulate fresh air at atmospheric temperature through the ducts to the interior of the bus.

In the lower saloon, the ducts emerge at the front bulkhead into two "anemostats" which, whilst diffusing the air, reduce its velocity to prevent draughts and yet maintain its volume. The duct for the upper saloon leads to an expansion chamber which discharges air at the floor level under the passengers' front seats.

The builders are Leyland Motors Ltd., Leyland, Lancashire.

MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

De Soto "Suburban"



(A Gainsborough Picture)

A multi-purpose car which "expands" internally from a three-seater with a fantastic amount of luggage-space into a nine-seater which still has more room for baggage than the average car... that, in a nutshell, is the new De Soto "Suburban." To the outward eye, there is little to distinguish the "Suburban" from any large American car, yet its 139½ inch wheel-base carries a body which leaves even the average Station Wagon in the shade for comfort and space.

An Early Breaker Of Records

Some interesting information about "909," the car with which Henry Ford broke the land speed record at 91.37 mph in 1903, are given in a recent issue of the "Ford Works News."

The four-cylinder 80 bhp engine was not what one might call a high-efficiency power unit. In fact, it seems to have borne a striking resemblance to a large stationary gas engine—the massive crankshaft was not enclosed in a crankcase but revolved in plain view of all the no doubt considerably impressed spectators.

Pressure for the petrol feed was supplied by Spider Huff, the mechanic, who blew into a large rubber tube leading to the petrol tank. Ford arranged a code of signals whereby one kick meant "blow harder" and two kicks meant "cease fire." Unfortunately, Huff got the signals mixed. In spite of a perfect shower of kicks, there was so much huffing and puffing that the Beast shot through the measured mile in 36 seconds and its flight was brought to a full stop only by Henry Ford steering it into a convenient snowbank.

June Export Figures—"Excellent"

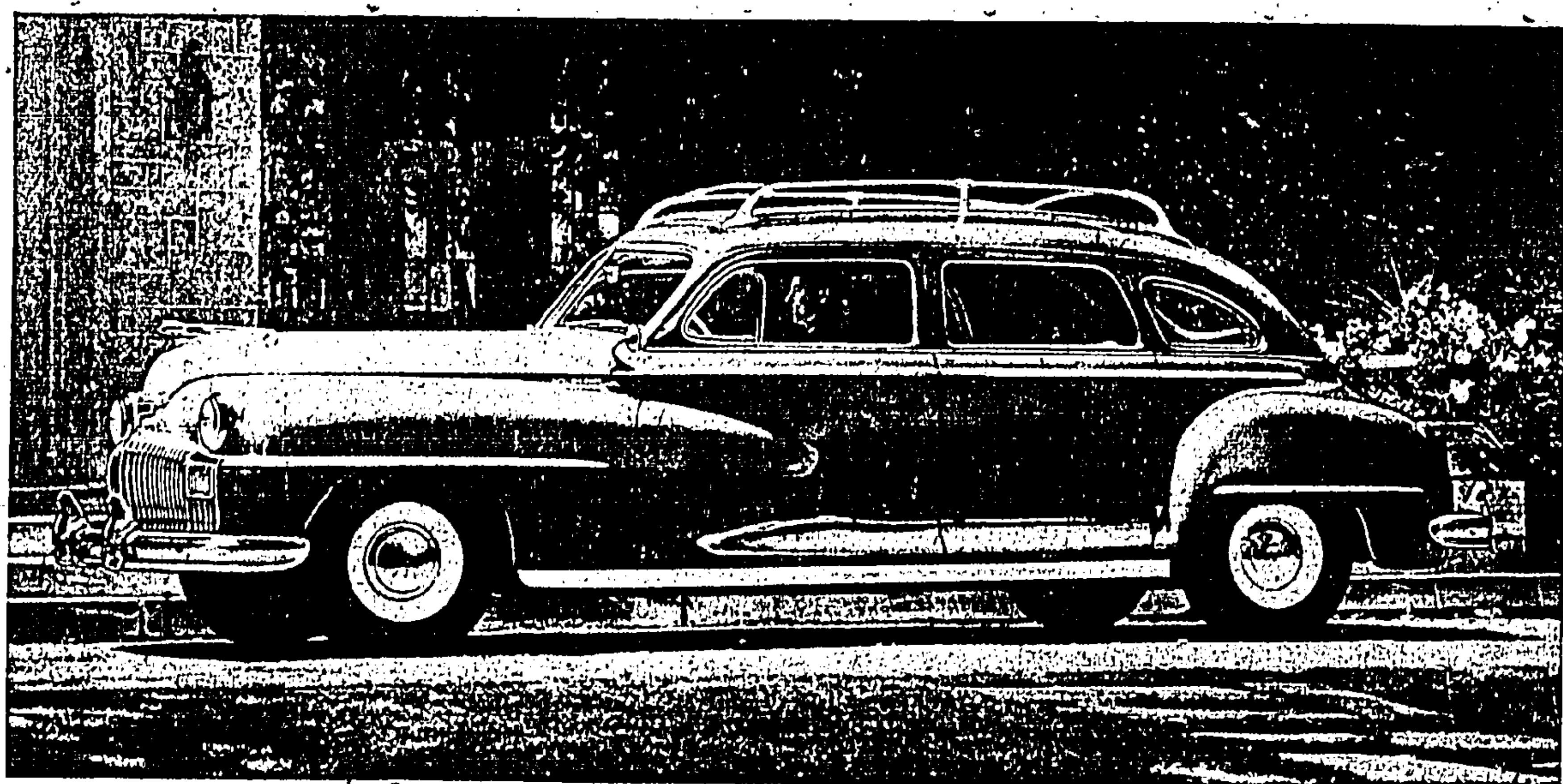
Export figures of British cars in June were excellent, in spite of the ban on imports of cars which many countries are now applying owing to paralysed exchange difficulties with Britain.

The total of 10,302 compared well with the May figure of 10,670 and the value was correspondingly high, totalling £2,826,810.

In the assembled category, cars of from 8 to 12 hp. led the field, with a total of 4,037, valued at £1,088,261. These were followed by cars of up to 8 hp. (2,928 cars, valued at £680,009) and from 12 to 16 hp. (1,221 cars, valued at £518,975).

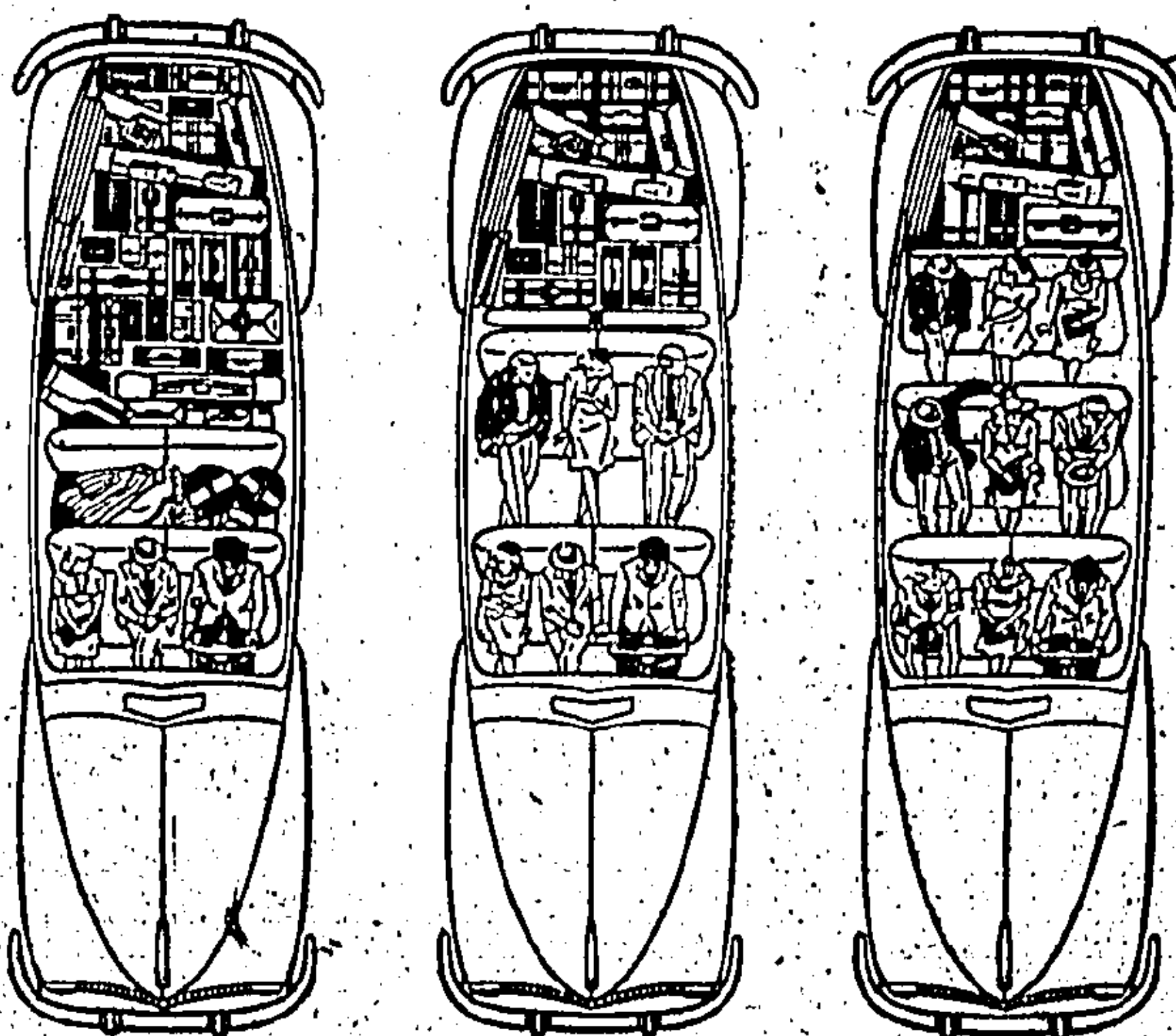
In the unassembled category, 1,674 cars, valued at £356,387, were exported in the "up to 12 hp." category and 280, valued at £75,727, in the "over 12 hp." class.

J. W. Shillan, who did so much to popularize the outboard motor boat engine in Britain, has resigned from his position as managing director of the British Motor Boat Mfg. Co. Ltd., having disposed of the whole of his interests in that company and in Shillan's Engineering Co. Ltd. to J. Brockhouse & Co. Ltd. Mr. Shillan is to make a tour of the West Indies to investigate business possibilities there.



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It is when one opens a door and looks within that the features which make this a unique car hit the eye. The "Suburban" combines luxurious comfort for passengers with a variety of arrangements for their seating and their luggage.

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There are actually four main seating-luggage plans. With all seats occupied, the car carries nine passengers, none of whom is cramped, each of whom has plenty of elbow room and leg-room. At the same time, the luggage compartment is still larger than that provided in conventional cars.

With six passengers, the centre seat is pushed back against the rear seat, to allow maximum leg room; the luggage compartment remains the same size. If, however, these six have a lot of luggage, the centre seat remains as it is, the rear seat folds down to become part of the floor, and the luggage compartment, practically doubled, extends to the rear of the centre seat.

Finally, with three passengers in front, and the empty centre seat pushed forward against the back of the front seat, more than six feet of luggage space is available—wide enough and long enough to make a full bed for two, if desired. There is plenty of room "on the" pushed-forward centre seat for hats, coats, week-end

bags and other odds and ends—plus, as always, the long luggage-rack on the roof!

The "Suburban" is thus flexible enough to meet a wide variety of demands—from the large Hong Kong family on the one hand, say, to a feeder service from hotel to aerodrome. It is ideal for golf clubs, steamships company service, hotel transport or for company executives. The arrangement of the seats to their various positions to provide the desired passenger or luggage capacity is simple and quick.

In other respects, the "Suburban" is a sort of Big Brother to the "Custom" model. Its six-cylinder side-valve engine, with a nominal horsepower of 28.36, develops 109 brake horsepower at 3,600 rpm.

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The transmission is the new De Soto "F.P.T.-C" Shift, which gives remarkable driving ease; one can drive practically all day without touching either gearshift or clutch—"step on the accelerator to go, step on the brake to stop."

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The floor of the car is kept flat and low, thanks to the semi-floating hypoid rear axle. Smooth riding is provided by independent front-wheel springing (coil springs of Amola steel) and grooved 8-leaf, semi-elliptic rear springs. Aero-plane-type shock absorbers are fitted to both front and rear.

Quick, responsive brakes are an essential in a car of this size, and the De Soto has the improved type hydraulic 4-wheel, internal expanding brakes, utilizing an individual cylinder for each shoe in the front brakes; they are self-equalized and weather-proof.

Interior features contributing to passenger comfort include attractive and practical "assist handles" mounted directly under the internal side-lights on the centre posts, five conveniently placed ash trays, chrome garnish moulding inserts, and panels finished in natural wood graining.

Hua Nan Motors, Fed. Inc., USA, whose offices are on the 3rd floor of the Chung Tin building, 5 Des Voeux Road C., are sole distributors for the "Suburban," as well as the two standard models in the De Soto range—the "Custom" and the "Special De Luxe," and the full line of De Soto trucks and buses.

A Lagos Letter

One of the more interesting enquiries received at Nuffield Exported from Lagos reads:—

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I have the honour to be, etcetera."

Apparently with luck and faith, the enquirer hopes to become a successful engineer, and it is hoped.

Motoring News And Views: Continued from Page Eight

Hudson Bring Out New Models

Detroit, Oct. 14. The Hudson Motor Company, which closed down its plants on September 19 for a US\$16,000,000 model changeover programme, expects to start its new models rolling down the assembly lines on Monday.

Hudson will thus become the second car manufacturer to bring out new models this year. Packard was the first to show new models—limited press.

It is that the Morris catalogue supplied will help him in that direction.

Leaves From My Log-Book



Running-In

I wonder how many motorists in Hong Kong are as careful over the running-in of their new cars as one owner who gave me a lift in his new "high" this week? Although he lives near the top of the Peak Tramway, he drives home via Stubbs Road, and not up Garden Road. This route is considerably longer but the gradients are not nearly so steep; he is, therefore, able to use the higher gears most of the time and thus keep the engine revs down.

Many a local motorist tends to forget that it is not enough just to keep the speedometer needle below the 30-mph mark. Keeping the engine revs down in the lower gears is even more important—for it is excessive engine revs that does the damage in the first 1,000 miles. While the rev-maximum varies with different cars, the average owner of a new car will not go far wrong if he limits his maximum speeds in the various ratios between bottom and top to 7, 15, 25 and 30 to 35 mph.

I think the average British motorist, especially one who, like the driver at home, is fairly conscientious about running his new car properly, I doubt if the average Chinese chauffeur, however, is as careful. I was in a taxi the other day that had done less than 400 miles, and the way the driver revved her up through the gears—it was a large American car, at that—made me want to brain him with a floor board.

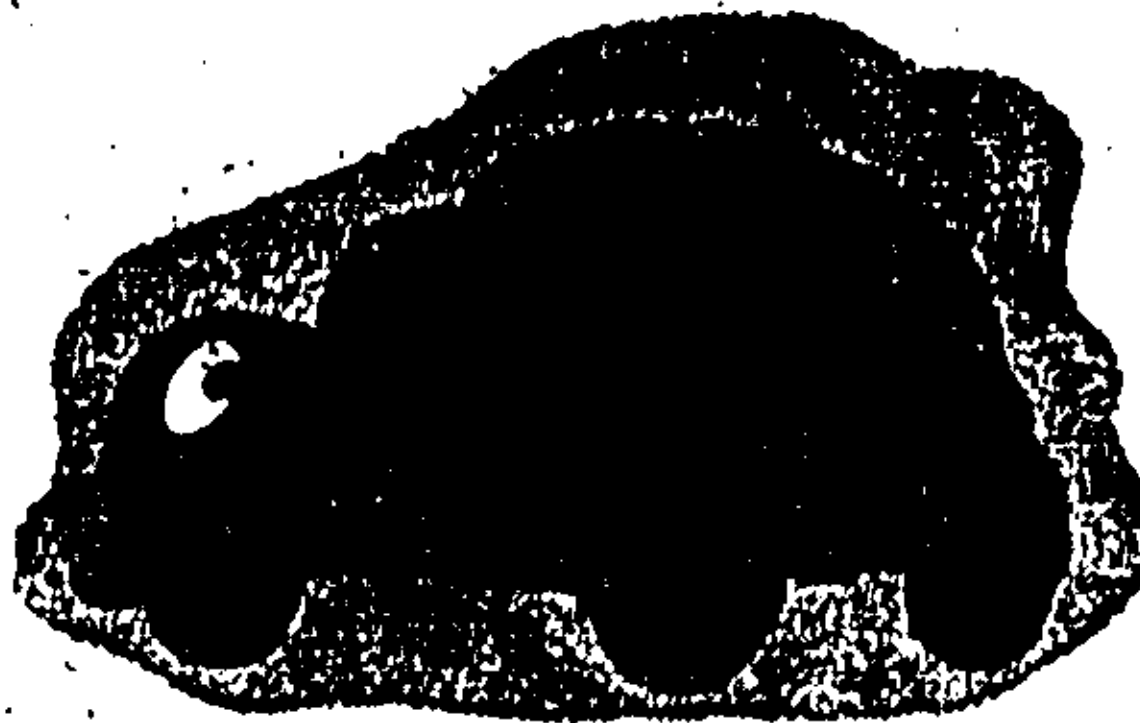
The harm done by over-driving new cars is illustrated by a recent letter to the "Autocar." The writer purchased a popular "Ten" which had only done 6,350 miles. He says: "Inspection revealed badly worn bores, piston rings warped, a considerable groove at the top of each cylinder, as well as rough and flaking big-end bearings. In my opinion, the car needed a rebore, and soon, before further damage resulted. I doubt, in fact, if it was run-in at all."

Second-hand cars of comparatively small mileage are now coming on the local market in increasing numbers and I can heartily endorse the "Autocar" correspondent's advice that prospective buyers of second-hand cars have their engines checked for cylinder wear before purchase, and not afterwards, as in my case.

Polarisation

One piece of legislation I would like to see enacted in Hong Kong would make it compulsory for all car headlights to be fitted with polarised glass, with a corresponding "eye-

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shade" for the driver (fitted in somewhat similar fashion to the ordinary sun visor). A friend of mine who has been experimenting reports that the results are uncanny.

When one looks through the polarised-glass at car headlights which are also fitted with polarised glass, there is absolutely no glare. Indeed, all one sees are two small, brightish circles in the middle of the other car's headlights. At the same time, one gets the full benefit of one's own headlights, which not only illuminate the road as usual but even light up the interior of the oncoming car. One is not temporarily running in the dark, or half-light, as is the case with normal dip-or-dim procedure.

The advantages in a place like Hong Kong would be enormous. Our winding suburban or "country" roads are not illuminated. On many a difficult bend one is frequently blinded by the headlights of a car coming from the other direction. With polarisation, one is neither blinded nor forced to grope along with a spot of Guess and Good Luck. The cost of fitting polarisation equipment is quite low, I believe, less than \$100, I understand. What a chance for Hong Kong to lead the world, just for once, by making it a compulsory fitting for every car on the road!

Accidents

The latest San Francisco newspapers are "splashing" traffic conditions in Van Ness Avenue, where for the second time in 24 hours pedestrians have been knocked down at the same cross-walk. In one of these accidents, an elderly woman was killed.

Commenting on the tragedy, the Mayor said: "This accident is a horrible thing. It shows again the necessity for the Police to be more alert to stop this type of driving. I talked with the Acting Chief of Police today and I asked him to instruct his men to be on their toes and intensify their efforts to halt this kind of driving. There is no question but what driving in San Francisco is getting worse every day."

Traffic signal modernisation, among other things, is now being demanded. There's a moral here somewhere for Hong Kong.

—A. E. G.

Discrimination against American cars will result from the ban on left-hand-drive car regulations in Cape Province, South Africa, which comes into force (with a few exceptions) on January 1, 1948.

Car Models To Be Cut 70 Per Cent

A reduction of 70 per cent. in the number of models is to be made by British car manufacturers within the next 18 months. This is disclosed in the industry's report sent to Mr. Wilmot, Minister of Supply, following his request for proposals to help the Government reach its export target during 1948.

Mr. Wilmot suggested that the motor industry's aim should be one model per firm or factory, but it is asserted in the report that such a drastic plan, if adopted, would cause chaos in factories and break up the production flow.

A sudden change in production programmes to enforce a reduction in models on such a scale would involve loss of costly jigs, presses and special tools, as well as the scrapping of materials under manufacture.

In 1939 there were 135 different models being built in this country. To-day there are 62; this is to be cut down to 42 by 1949.

Home-Market Needs

About 160,000 cars a year, it is estimated, will be required for the essential home market during the next three years. Order books show that at least 500,000 essential users need new cars. Manufacturers have more than 900,000 orders from the home market on their books.

It is pointed out that the single model production plan, enforced by the Government in France, has not been a success. In the first six months of this year French makers built only 32,500 cars, as against 138,000 produced in Britain.

Specialist firms which make high-grade cars in comparatively small numbers have access to valuable markets abroad where there is no effective competition from the American motor industry. It is important to Britain's prestige that they should not be forced out of business by the Government's decisions. It is asserted.

Sir Miles Thomas, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said in London that nine-tenths of the total number of cars manufactured in Britain come from six firms. Between them they planned to reduce the number of models from 30 to 21.

Lagondas Close Down

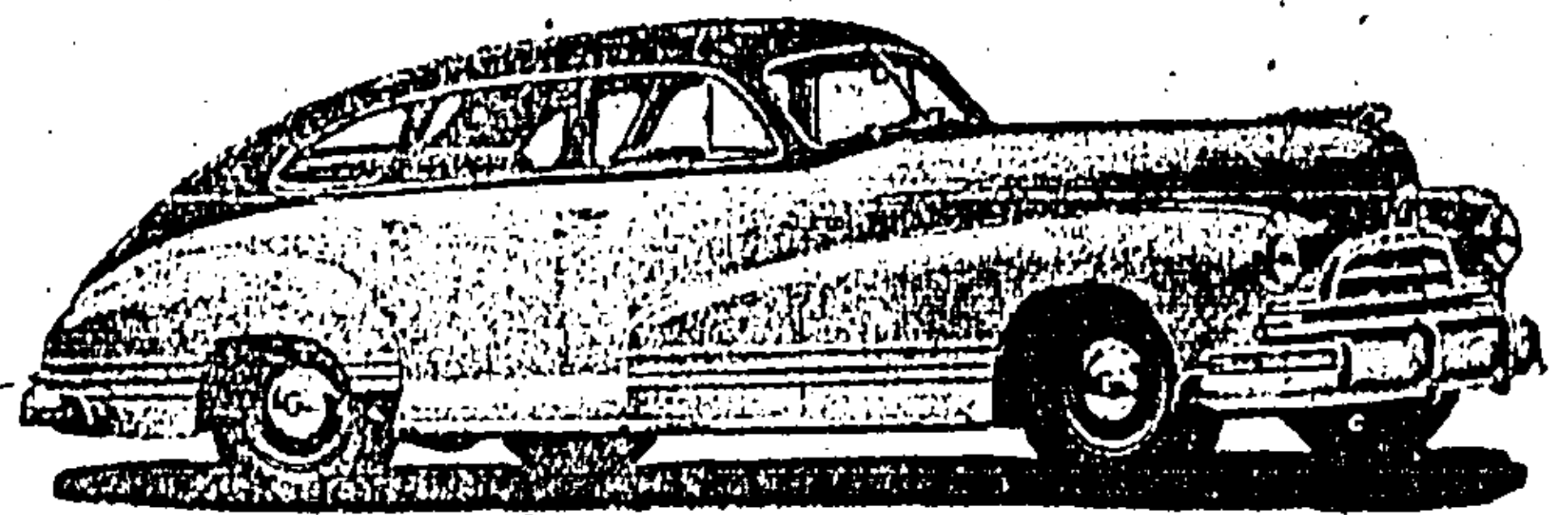
Lovers of fine cars, whether they own them or merely admire them, will be sorry to hear that production of that outstanding car, the 2½-litre Lagonda, has been suspended. It may not entirely disappear from sight, however, as negotiations are in progress for it to be taken over by a leading firm.

It will no longer be a product of the Staines factory, however, and the following two reasons are given as responsible for the decision:—Imposition of double purchase tax. This, the company says, "must have an incalculable effect on sales."

Continued and increasing difficulties in obtaining materials in the face of existing controls. The company thinks the position will grow even worse. Lagonda Limited, however, will continue to give present owners all the service required for existing Lagonda models at the Staines works.

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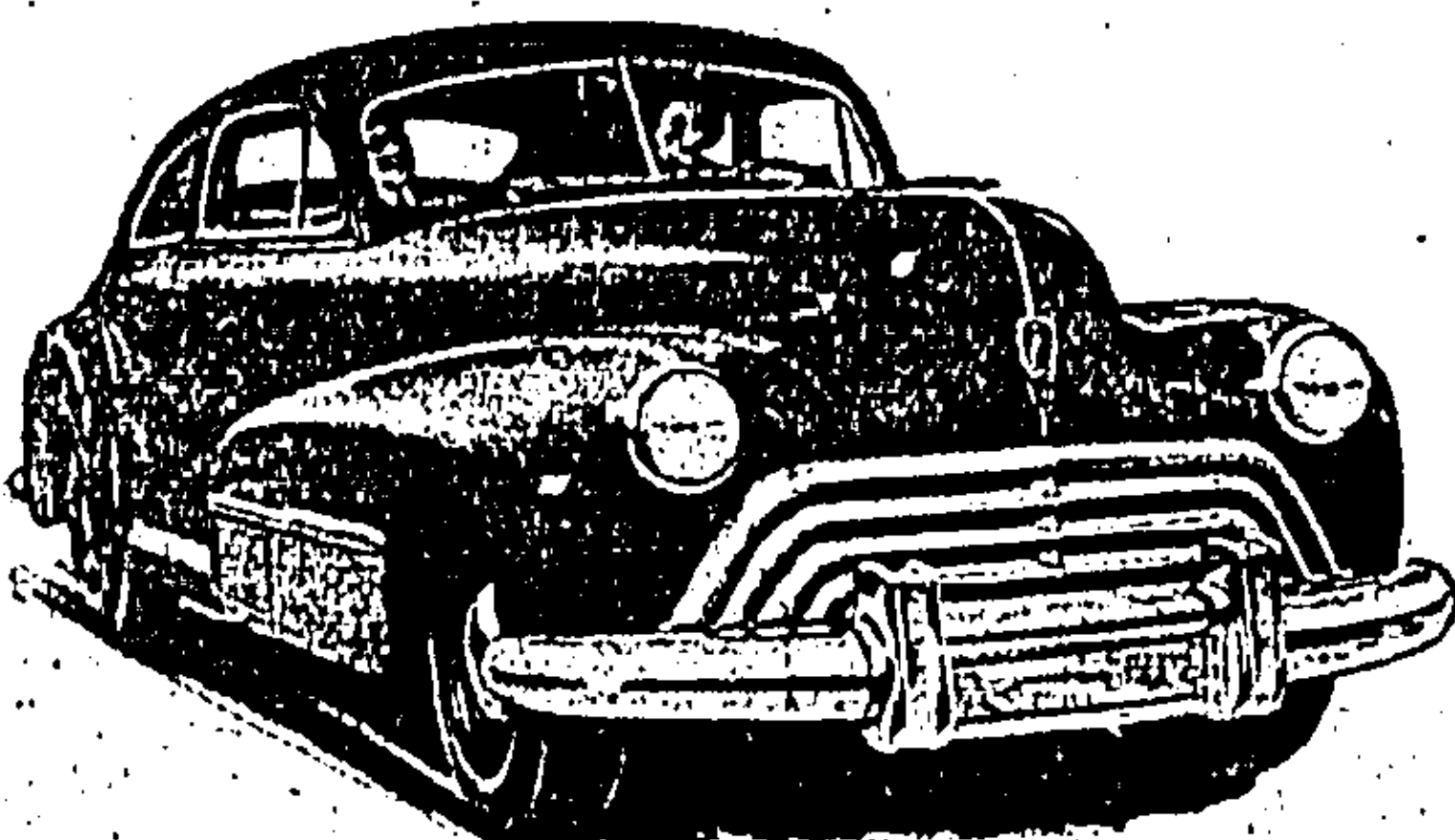
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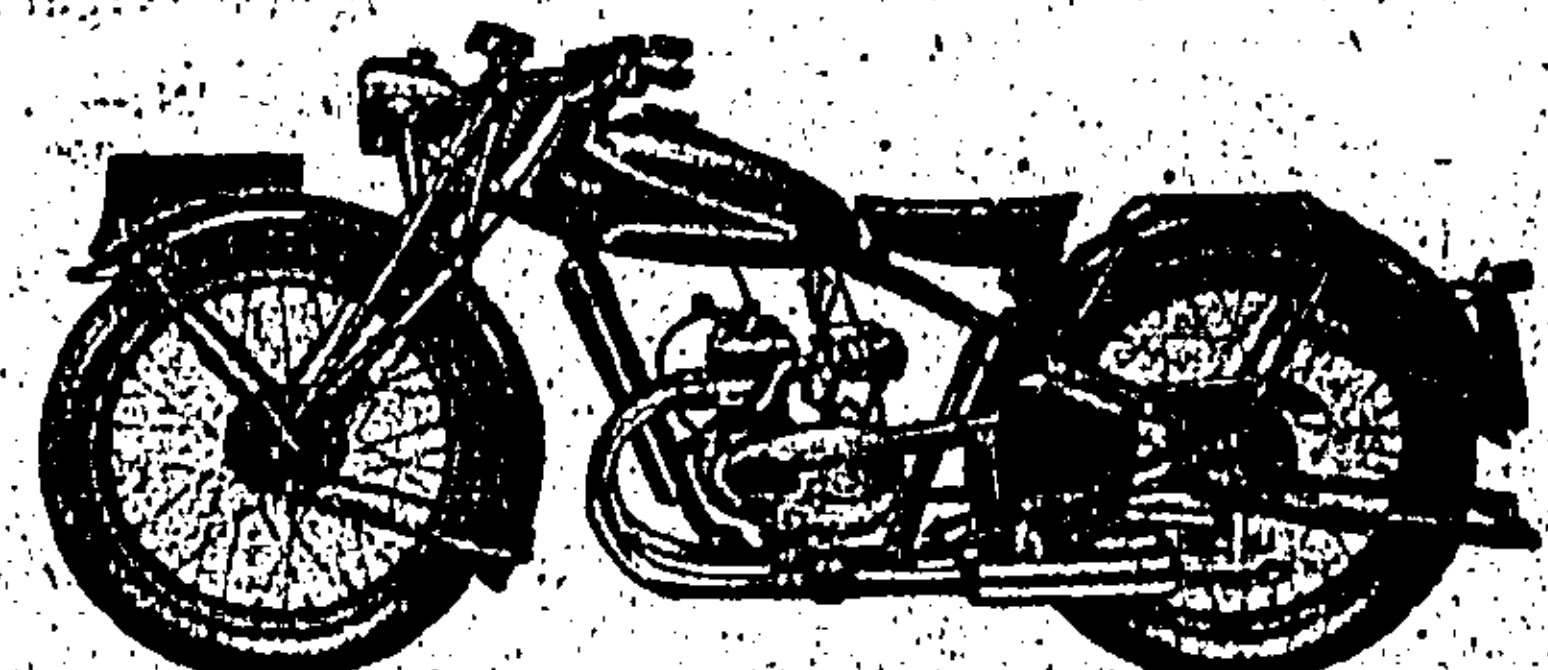
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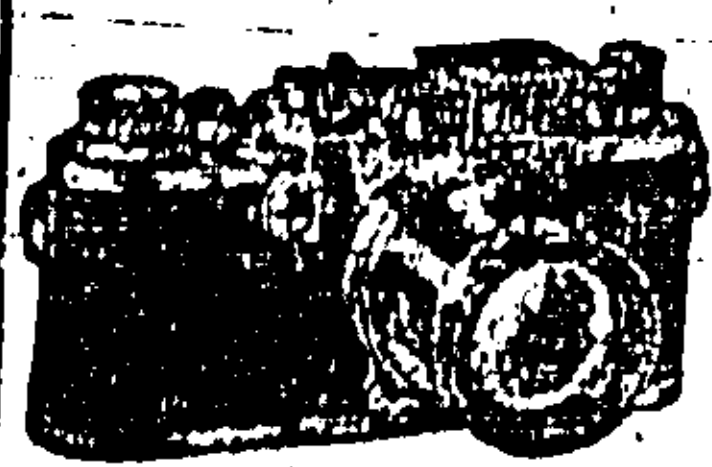
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27 ENTRANTS TO FACE HARBOUR SWIM

(By "Natator")

Local aquastars will be in the limelight again in this week-end's sport as 27 contestants battle their way across the harbour in the Annual Harbour Race sponsored by Victoria Recreation Club. The take-off will be at Holt's Wharf on the Kowloon side at 5 p.m. sharp, finishing at the sea-wall between Murray Road and Murray Pier.

Chen Chien Nam, title and record holder, having developed a powerful kick, is no longer the "Ladies' Wonder" and will defend his title against such swimmers of fame as Wilfred Wong and his teammates, Lau Tai Ping and Yau Sai Kwan. Others who may prove a threat to him are C.A. Gutierrez, J. Yvanovich, Sonny Monteiro, and Gerry Roza-Perelra, all up and coming youngsters. Cheong Kin Man, our Boy's Colony Champion, is also amongst the entrants and is probably the youngest swimmer to ever attempt this gruelling marathon event.

NEW CEYLON TO SINGAPORE AIR SERVICE

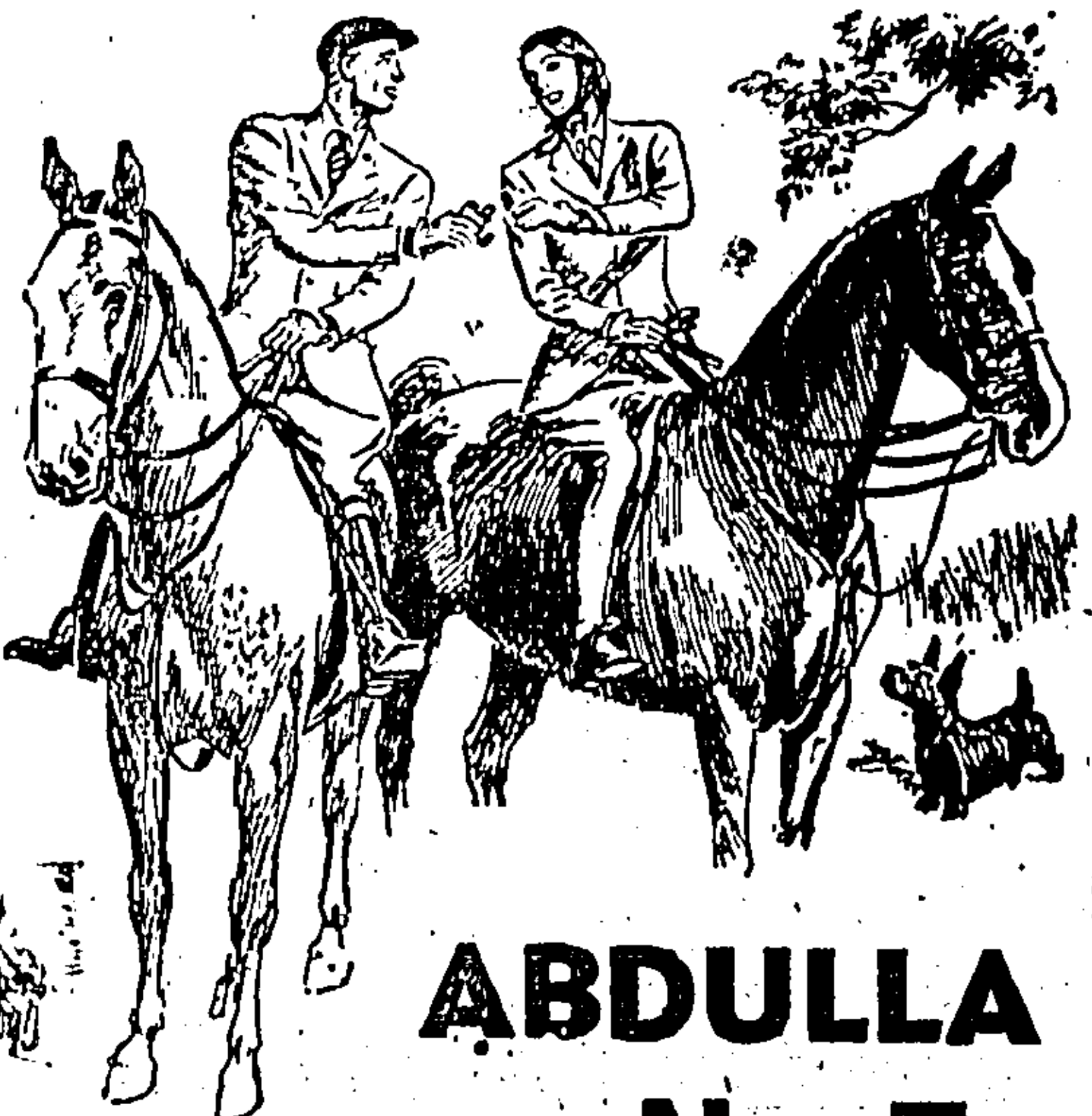
London, Oct. 16. The first British civil air route between Ceylon and Singapore will be opened by B.O.A.C. at the end of October with the introduction of a new weekly service leaving Colombo on Thursdays and Singapore on Saturdays. Thru to connect with the present once-weekly Ceylon service between Britain and Ceylon, this new trans-Indian Ocean service will also be operated with York aircraft which are scheduled to make a 1,700-mile journey non-stop in nine and a half hours.

The first services will leave Colombo on Oct. 30. Fares will be £48 single and £86 return.—Reuter.

HECTOR McNEIL THREATENED

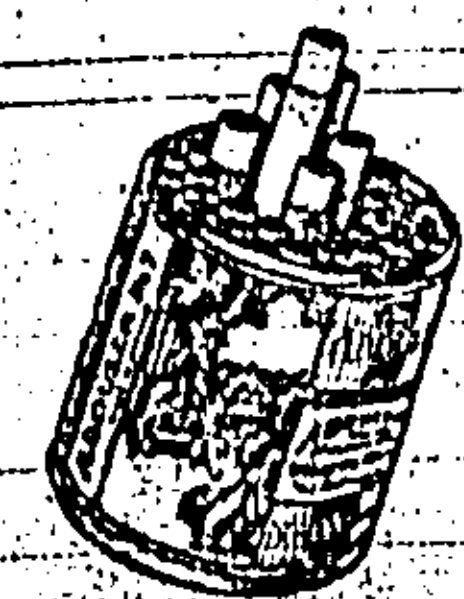
London, Oct. 17. The Evening Standard said today that British Intelligence officers in Palestine had warned American Federal Bureau of Investigation of terrorist death threats against the British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, and the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeil, who are attending the United Nations meeting in New York.

FBI agents have been assigned to guard the Ministers. The Standard said it also said the terrorists were said to be threatening Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, this week.—United Press.



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Plans For 2nd Harrier Race

Hong Kong's second international harrier road race since V.J. Day will be held in Kowloon on New Year's Day over a 7½ mile course.

The competition will be divided into men's and women's sections. Entrants must be over 16 and provide a doctor's certificate of fitness.

The men's race will start at the Kowloon Magistracy, on Gancoglio Road, along Nathan Road to Salisbury Road, Chatham Road, Ma Tau Wei Road, Tam Kung Road, Prince Edward Road, Nathan Road and back to the Magistracy.

A shorter race has been set for the women. Silver trophies will be presented to the first three home as well as other prizes. Entries, fee for which is \$2, should be sent to Mr. C. T. Shek, Chinese YMCA, Bridges Street, between Nov. 1 and 20. Entries should be accompanied by three passport size photos.

Sport Here And There

BOXING

London, Oct. 17. The law courts today granted Scottish Jackie Paterson an injunction restraining the British Board of Boxing Control from recognising anyone but Paterson as the world British Empire or British flyweight champion.

The ruling deprives next Monday's Harringway bout between Hawaii's Dado Marino and Belfast's Rinty Monaghan of its world championship status. Justice Roemer, granting the injunction, further restrained the British Board from authorising or recognising any contest for the world, British Empire or British flyweight championship in which Paterson is not a contestant.

The Board, which stripped Paterson of his three titles when he failed to appear for the weigh-in for his scheduled fight with Marino in Glasgow in June, will re-hear Paterson's case shortly. It will reconsider the issue and Paterson will be able to call witnesses who were not available at the Board's first meeting.—United Press.

FOOTBALL

The following will represent Club in their First Division football game against St. Joseph's on the Club ground at 5 p.m.: Lock; Fowler and Fielstadi; Strange, Forrow and Beck; Henderson, Weller, Redman, Mullis; and Blackford.

LAWN BOWLS

The Filipino Club will try out their new bowls green this afternoon with a friendly game against Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

The Filipino Club will be represented by J. Lee, Manalac, Adams and J. S. Landolt (skip); Lamarr, W. Ogley, W. Musket and R. Bata (skip); Bones, A. Taylor, L. G. Eastman and W. Simpson (skip).

The president and members of the Club invite members of the Kowloon Football Club to use their green.

DAVIS CUP

London, Oct. 16. W. C. Choy, Chinese Davis Cup player, won his way into the quarter-finals of the Open Club tennis tournament by defeating the Dutch tennis star, J. C. Warburton 6-2, 6-3 in the third round yesterday.—Central News.

GOLF

Starting time on the Fanning Old Course of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club tomorrow:

9.25 S.N. Webster—N.O.G. Marsh.
9.35 J.K.P. Hadland—J.A. Blackwood.
9.45 W.T. Hay—W.L. Spencer.
9.55 A.E. Lisman—E.T. McMullen.
10.05 J.L.T. Lowe—J. Linaker.
10.15 D.G. McVey—R.L. Cherrill.
10.25 G. Robinson—R. Ross.
10.35 R. Robertson—J. Jackson.
10.45 W.N.A. Smailey—H.C. Surtees.
10.55 J.L. Armstrong—W.G. Robertson.
11.05 M.R. Thibe—D.W.A. McKelhan.
11.15 J.L. Powell—G.D. Carter.
11.25 J.A.D. Morrison—G.J. Gilmore.
11.35 J. Mason—P. Morrison.
11.45 Members are reminded of the closing date this month for two competitions.

Star In Training



Nineteen-year-old Jill Linzee, daughter of Medical Officer of Health for Surbiton, Surrey, England, now resident in New York, U.S.A., has returned to England to train for forthcoming British Olympic ice skating trials. Here she is seen going through her paces at Wembley, London, England. Selected she will be in British Olympic team.—Aphoto.

Softball Umpires Rally To Call

(By GRANDSTAND)

The first meeting of the Umpires' Board held yesterday was attended by a large gathering who rallied to the clarion call for league arbiters.

Among those present were: Ernie Heather, "Doc" Molthen, Robbie Robinson, Lino Gosano, Bill Woo, "Horrie" Quon, Eddie Marques, Roberto Remedios and a host of other followers of the game. "Doc" Molthen was elected Chairman of the Board with Ernie Heather and Robbie Robinson on the Committee.

After clarifying the seemingly confusing phraseology of the Rules, the duties of this Committee will be to appoint officials for all scheduled games. Changes will be advised to the Hon. Secretary of the Association who will notify the teams concerned.

The businesslike manner in which the proceedings were conducted augurs well for the future of the Board. Before the meeting closed "Doc" Molthen thanked all those who attended for their sporting gesture. Letters were received from several enthusiasts who were unable to attend, and the movement would have their fullest support.

Two facilities will be played off this Sunday at King's Park, when Recrio will be at home to "Doc" Molthen's Hong Kong

Baseballers, while St. Joseph's crabs bats with the Merry Mad. caps in their last pre-season warm up. Both games are down to start at 10.30 a.m. sharp. In view of popular demand by less experienced players for games to be organised for them, the Association intend reviving the Junior League which was a weekly feature before the War. Team managers are reminded that a meeting will be held at 5.15 on Monday at Shell House to discuss final arrangements for Opening Day ceremonies which will take place at the Club at Recrio Park on Sunday, Oct. 20 with two league games commencing at 2.30 p.m. St. Joseph's have been scheduled to meet Recrio and the Wildcats are down to tangle with the Merry Maden Aces in the inaugural 1115. Arbiters for these games appointed by the newly formed Umpires' Board are "Doc" Molthen behind the plate with Ernie Heather and Herbie Quon in the Men's tussle, while Robbie Robinson will be in the Ladies' encounter with Bill Woo and Lino Gosano officiating around the seals.

Last Of Sing Tao Team Come Home

The last of the Sing Tao footballers who visited England returned by a B.O.A.C. plane yesterday afternoon, a week after the others.

The plane arrived almost an hour before the scheduled time. As a result there were few at the airport to welcome them. Messrs. Au Ho, Yue Yee-tak and Kwok Ying-kee were among the few at Kaitak.

The party was in charge of Mr. F. de Souza who, from the time Mr. Au Ho left England after the game against Dulwich Hamlet and Mr. Wong Ka-tsun going to hospital, was responsible for all the arrangements in England, Holland and the homeward trip.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun did not return with the party. He is recuperating from an operation to his eye.

Five of Sing Tao players who returned some time ago played for Kit Chee on Thursday against Chinese Athletic and the Sing Tao team will be composed of the players who returned yesterday with the assistance of some junior players.

Club, who have done well in their last two games, should easily account for St. Joseph's who will be without Leonard, B. Gosano may turn out for them.

In the Junior Division, Eastern make their debut in the "A" section in the place of Sing Tao, who have withdrawn, when they meet Police at Boundary Road.

Today's Sports
FOOTBALL
Police v. South China (Police, 5 p.m.)
Reference: C. P. Kelly, Linesman.
A. P. Willis and E. J. Nichols.

ATTLEE'S P.R.O. RESIGNS

London, Oct. 17. Prime Minister Attlee, announced today the resignation of Francis Williams, author and wartime controller of news and censorship at the Ministry of Information.

Mr. Attlee said his successor will be Philip Jordan, now First Secretary for Information at the British Embassy in Washington. The change will be effective from Dec. 1.

Williams resigned at his own request.—Associated Press.

British Mission At Peiping

Peiping, Oct. 17.

The British Parliamentary Mission is leaving here for Tientsin at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

On the eve of departure Lord Ammon, leader of the mission said:

"Peiping is the show city of the world and I should like to express the hope that in its future development its genuine Chinese qualities will always be maintained."

"We have visited China's historic shrines, educational, administrative and other institutions and now realize much more vividly how advantageous for the whole world would be a greater development of the Sino-British understanding and cooperation through our visit."

During the last two days, members of the mission have been pursuing their particular interests.

Lord Amulree, who is a doctor, has been studying medical research.

Mr. McLeavy and Mr. Harrison have been examining administrative and labour problems.

After their first four days in Peiping, all the members agree that Peiping has really made them feel at home in their country and they have begun to appreciate the underlying and enduring qualities of the Chinese people.—Central News.

CARD FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE

London, Oct. 16. The card for the Cambridgeshire, to be run at Newmarket on Oct. 29, was called over at the Victoria Club tonight as follows:

6 to 1 Migh Maharratta offered, 6 to 1 taken and wanted, 12 to 1 taken and wanted, 100 to 8 taken and wanted, 13 to 1 taken and wanted, 10 to 8 taken and wanted, 10 to 7 taken and wanted, 20 to 1 Law Suit taken and offered, 25 to 1 Palfrey Fulgar offered, 25 to 1 taken, 25 to 1 Merry Quip, 10 to 1 Master Vote and Woodchat, all taken and offered, 28 to 1 Smeo offered, 30 to 1 taken, 32 to 1 Early Harvest taken and offered, 40 to 1 Fimo Prospect offered, 40 to 1 taken and wanted, 33 to 1 Admiral's Yarn offered, 40 to 1 taken, 40 to 1 Adhem and Downing taken and offered, 40 to 1 taken, 40 to 1 Philadelphia and Wet Bob, both offered.

The Street became second favourite to Mighty Maharratta. The Street, stable companion to the Cesarewitch winner, White-way, was backed to win £20,000 at 100 to 8 before his price was cut to 12 to 1. At the last call-over the offer about him was 20 to 1.

Law Suit, who was reported to have done well in a gallop at Newmarket yesterday, was taken to win £32,000 at 20 to 1. Master Vote remained sound at 25 to 1, although he was supported to win £34,000. The same price was taken about Merry Quip to win £22,000.

The French candidate, Vagabond, who has been consistently supported at all call-overs, was noted to win £10,000, and others backed to win large sums were Smeo (£18,000), Woodchat (£9,000), Early Harvest (£3,000), and Admiral's Yarn (£2,000).—Reuter.

DISPOSAL OF COLONIES

London, Oct. 17. Twenty-three Governments, including Italy and Egypt, are to be invited to state within fortnight whether they wish to submit territorial claims, or views on the disposal of the Italian colonies, it was agreed today at the conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers.

In exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Council of Foreign Ministers, interested Governments will be able to state their views direct to the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The order in which the colonies shall be visited will be considered on Friday.—Reuter.

WEDEMEYER LETTER ASKS AID FOR CHINA

Boston, Oct. 17.

The local office of the United Service to China today released a letter from Lt.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer calling for American aid to the Chinese people, but warning that without "drastic" economic reforms the nation would be "drawn into the Soviet orbit."

Gen. Wedemeyer charged that the Soviet Union would "capitalise fully upon disorganisation and chaos in the area exactly as she has done in Europe." He expressed confidence in the sincerity of President Chiang Kai-shek.

"I admire and respect the Chinese people and feel they are entitled to our friendly assistance with one stipulation—that such assistance is supervised to insure that worthy Chinese receive the benefit thereby."

"It would be most unfortunate to give assistance that might strengthen the position of persons or groups undermining the principles of the United Nations Charter."

Unsound

"With approximately 80 per cent of the population illiterate it is my opinion that it would be unsound to expect true democratic procedures. However, we Americans should support the aspirations of the Chinese to improve their cultural position and participate intelligently and realistically in the Government."

"Contention upon assistance or interference injected by outside countries, essentially the United States and the Soviet Union, Generalissimo Chiang will make definite strides towards the attainment of these goals."

Communism

"Soviet propaganda and Soviet support of the Chinese Communist movement have increased the difficulties of establishing order in China. Also corruption and maladministration on the part of the Chinese National Government retarded stabilization and rehabilitation. I am convinced that the bulk of the Chinese people do not want to become Communists."

"However, they are realists and accept passively any form of Government that will provide food and shelter. They do not consider implications orienting themselves toward Moscow."

"Unless drastic reforms, particularly in the economic field, are implemented soon, China will be drawn into the Soviet orbit in spite of the assistance we Americans might extend."—United Press.

Thompson Lightweight Champion Of Britain

Liverpool, Oct. 16.

Billy Thompson, of Yorkshire, became the British lightweight champion at the Liverpool football ground tonight when he beat Tan Hawthorne, of North Shields, in the third round of their fight for the vacant title.

The referee stopped the contest after Hawthorne had received a merciless hammering in the third round.

Hawthorne had outpointed Thompson for the Northern Area championship in September last year, but 20,000 enthusiastic spectators tonight saw the amiable Yorkshireman in a fighting fury as he battered his opponent mercilessly on to the ropes.

After the second round, during which Hawthorne took two counts of six and one of eight, the issue was never in doubt.

Hawthorne looked good in the opening rounds when he caught Thompson three times with his famous right hand punch, but the Yorkshireman adopted a defensive tactics in the second round and the policy paid.

He rocked Hawthorne with some heavy punches to the body, switched his attack to the head, and Hawthorne was down.

He staggered to his feet at six only to be sent crashing down again under a barrage of blows, which were repeated a few moments later for Hawthorne to take a further count.

Hawthorne failed to withstand his rival's terrific attack in the third round and only kept on his feet by holding on to the ropes. As Thompson landed about 20 punches in succession against a completely defenceless opponent, the referee had no hesitation in stopping the contest in his favour.—Reuter.

Lawson Is Still Not Transferred

London, Oct. 16.

After nearly two months of offers of statements and counter-statements, the requested transfer of Tommy Lawson, England's centre forward, from Chelsea, is still no nearer fruition.

The farfetched sums mentioned, like the £16,000 by Derby County and the incredible offer of £18,000 by the Third Division club, Notts County, seem to make no impression on the Chelsea management.

Chelsea, reiterating their policy concerning Lawson, have made it clear that a player, or players in exchange, and not an outright cash offer, will induce them to part with the outstanding centre-forward in English football.

"The position has not altered," said Manager Billy Smerell. "Lawton asked to get away and we agreed, but we must have a quid pro quo. Money is not the currency in football these days where the acquisition of the best players is concerned. We still await suitable offers."

The next move seems to rest with Lawson, who is determined to leave Chelsea. The matter will probably finish up by going to the Football Association for arbitration. If the FA agree to Lawson's transfer request they would place a suit-value on his services, and it would then become a straight money deal.

It would be interesting to see the FA attitude to the inflated market and their definition of a "suitable offer."—Reuter.

London, Oct. 16. Rugby Union matches: County championship: Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire & Derbyshire 0 Warwickshire 27. Yorkshire 13 Northern Command 9.—Reuter.

"Mr. Keon" Is In Tsingtao

Nanking, Oct. 17.

The Government spokesman, Dr. Hollington Tong, today denied that Mr. Michael Keon, an Australian newspaperman, was being held, incommunicado at Nanking.

"This morning Dr. Tong on behalf of the Ministry of Information, sent the following cable to Mr. Keon, who is at present believed to be in Tsingtao: 'Have read the statement containing your experiences among the Communists with extreme interest. I am indeed happy that a writer of your standing has had the unique opportunity to obtain the actual facts concerning the conditions of Communist controlled areas. The world has been treated to so much "pink-cloud" unreality" about the Communists that your firsthand report should be a journalistic bombshell.'"

The Australian Legation here reports that Mr. Keon is quite enjoying himself at Tsingtao.—Reuter.

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